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Littering encourages crime

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LITTER campaigners in Dorchester say they are appalled that, despite the ability for police to issue penalty notices to those caught dropping rubbish, not one has been handed out.

Stop the Drop chairman Bob Kerr and supporters have met with Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Underhill, to ask that PCSOs should issue fines notices to litterers.

Mr Kerr said the request came as amounts of rubbish on the county town's streets continues to grow.

He claims that the Town and District Councils and the Police are 'in denial' about the amount of litter on Dorchester streets – each claiming there is not a problem.

To prove his point he took View from Dorchester on a 30 minute walk on Sunday morning where we witnessed hundreds of pieces of rubbish.

"One of our members overheard two visitors discussing Dorchester saying 'what a dump'. They have a point. No one seems to take any pride in the way the town looks," said Mr Kerr.

Mr Kerr counted over 150 items of litter between the Frink statues in the Walks to the Corner Cafe on South Street, many in front of the WDDC headquarters, and over 100 items from the skatepark to the Junction pub along the pavement on Weymouth Avenue.

We came across piles of wind-blown rubbish in the market car park where the busy Sunday morning car boot was taking place and dozens of items within yards of the police station and on the road to the South station.

Mr Kerr says some of his members are so fed up with vandals attacking the dozens of cigarette butt bins they've put up around the town that, from March, after six years of providing and maintaining the bins, they will no longer carry out the task.

In a letter to Mr Kerr, Mr Underhill said: "Both Dorset police and this office do fully understand the concerns and frustrations associated with littering and the wider impression of an area that this issue can give. That said, as the Inspector has explained, the local police clearly have to manage their available resource carefully, prioritised on the basis of risk and harm to the public.

"Whilst PCSOs do have the power to issue fixed penalty notices for littering it is currently difficult to make this a priority for them to focus on.

"The PCC also agrees with the local Inspector's view that, in general terms, Dorchester is a clean town."

Mr Kerr says that while he understands budget pressures he has challenged both the local Inspector, Steve Marsh, and Mr Underhill, to come with the anti-litter group to see for themselves just how bad the problem has become.

He says many people consider littering a deliberate act of anti-social behaviour which

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■ DORCHESTER Stop the Drop chairman Bob Kerr pointing out litter

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DR Margaret Barker has been the long-standing chairman of the the Dorset Poverty Action Group and was awarded the MBE in February 2013 for her community work.

She fears further cuts to welfare benefits will make the situation worse for many local families and year, after year, has seen more people find themselves in difficulties through no fault of their own.

Dr Barker has also been heavily involved in the Hub centre for the homeless in the county town, now closed down, and says that while the demand for its services has lessened there are still 'hidden homeless' in the community. She is also currently the chair of Churches Together in Dorchester and holds positions with the Quakers.

She says that, despite appearances, there was still much work to be done to tackle poverty in and around the apparently, affluent, town.

● WHAT brought you to Dorset initially?
My work, initially in 1976 to Portland for a few months and then Weymouth and Crossways before settling in Dorchester in 1988 as a community paediatrician. My hometown is Hereford and I trained in Birmingham but I was also in the Channel Islands for a couple of years in general practice. This was first job on the south coast that came up and I really didn't know Dorset at all until I came for interview. Originally I was based in the community until I got a consultant post and I was then based in the hospital, but working a lot of the time in the community, and at Digby Court.

● WHAT sparked your interest in working in the community?
It was clear doing local paediatrics in this area that there were families in extreme poverty, but because they might be just one family in a street or a village they were completely invisible and with no help or support for them. Most people just tried to cope, people didn't ask for help. I became interested in helping through a church conference in Dorchester on poverty.

● HOW important has your faith been in the process?
I was brought up a Methodist and then the Anglican church, but I got fed up because you couldn't get up and argue with the preacher. I so often disagreed with what they said, but there was no means of turning it into a debate. Over the course of time I had been to a lot of different churches; I had relatives who were Salvation Army and relatives who were Baptists, but my father had been a conscientious objector in the First World War and we had a lot of friends who were Quakers, so I had been brought up knowing about the Quakers. I began to attend meetings and in 1983 became a member; you go as an attender first, which I did for two years. I'm now treasurer of the local meeting and clerk of the trustees of the area meeting. It is a way of life rather than something just for Sundays, it has a strong tradition and a strong boundary to its way of life.

● HAVE there been other organisations you have joined locally?
I joined Rotary in 1998, simply because I was about to retire and knew that I wanted a continuing group to be working with in the community. I was very active and enjoyed it but decided on my 70th birthday to retire from it when it became a bit of a struggle to stand for several hours with a collection box, or organise a fundraising event.

● HOW did the Poverty Action Group come about?
There was a conference in town looking at the issues and it came from that in 1989. I was interested and went along to the initial meetings. Canon Letcher from St George's was the first chairman and when he stood down I was asked to take over - and have been doing it ever since. Our original projects were Second Chance furniture, the Credit Union and the Hub which, at the time, were all so much needed. There isn't an obvious project at the moment other than to make sure we are there when we are needed, especially at times like Christmas when we provide food vouchers for those who need them.

● IS the work of the group still needed as much today, as it was when it started?
The need seems to continue to increase and with yet another push by the Government to cut back on Welfare it seems certain to carry on and there will be more people pushed into poverty. A lot of people suffer from debt because of the ease in people being able to get credit, and benefits have not kept up with the cost of living or need. Many people say they have no family. It doesn't necessarily mean that they, literally, have no family, but that they have no family they can turn to for help and support, although we do find more and more grandparents taking on the responsibilities of childcare.

● APART from your work in the community is there time for your own enjoyment?
I love music. I started to learn the piano at seven and the organ at 12, but I didn't pick up singing until I moved to Dorset when I was living in Crossways and Brian Savage started a little choir. I love church music, particularly classical church music, and event some of the modern church music. To sing it in a church with a good reverberation is just lovely. I'm privileged to be a member of the Thomas Hardye Singers, which I started from the time when I was a governor at the school. We're currently working towards a carol concert in St Peter's which I'm looking forward to; so many of the young people are just so talented and learn so quickly.

● WHAT is it that drives you?
I like to get order out of chaos, I can't seem to resist it, and I often seem to be sitting in the wrong place at the wrong time and can't say 'no' when asked to do something. I remember when I was seven putting all my books in order and then putting up a notice which said "information here." And then I sat not knowing what to do because I was by myself in the loft! It's the same feeling I get when I sit at a desk: "right, this needs sorting out" and then I sort it out and then think "what did I do that for?"

● DO you think you will eventually slow down a bit?
I'm already finding everything takes a little bit longer, and sometime you do things twice over because you have forgotten that you have already done it…but I guess there will be a time when I will want to relinquish things and not pick something else up. I wonder though how I will fill my time when I'm not picking something new up… I'm not very good at just sitting around and relaxing.

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Attempted burglaries

BURGLARS are targeting houses in Dorchester, Broadmayne and Litton Cheney.

Break-ins have been reported in Prince of Wales Road, Powys Close, and in Broadmayne and Litton Cheney.

Dorchester police are asking that residents consider their security.

They suggest considering the use of timer switches for lights rather than leaving a house in darkness. A trusted neighbour should be told when you are on holiday.

In one incident an offender reached a key after smashing the window. Police advise removing keys from windows and doors.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police by calling 101. If a crime is in progress call 999.

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warrants the attention of PCSOs.

"We have experience, here in Dorchester, that once an area is littered, people will add to the litter, which in a number of cases becomes a health hazard.

Make no mistake, littering is an environmental crime as defined by the legislation. It can easily give rise to a sense of civic shame and fear of crime, and set the scene for other environmental crimes and anti-social behaviour such as fly tipping and graffiti."

He pointed out that many local residents volunteer their time to litter-pick the worst affected areas, yet they receive no support in terms of enforcement of existing legislation.

"One or two examples of enforcement officers issuing penalties, suitably publicised would make a real difference in terms of supporting such residents.

"Without suitable, corrective action, the cost of cleaning up the litter on our streets, pavements, market, car parks, playgrounds and parks will only increase at a cost the town, district and Dorset Waste Partnership. So we ask, once again, for PCSOs to be directed to tackle the litter problems here in Dorchester."

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Footprints service prays for prisoners

■ KATE Adie, who gave a reading at the service

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An evening with music was provided by the The Wiltshire Quartet, the Briantspuddle Singers and organist Neil Sissons.

Archdeacon of Sherborne, Paul Taylor, read the opening prayers followed by readings from former BBC chief correspondent Kate Adie, author Minette Walter, Simon Pomeroy, deputy Lieutenant of Dorset and Sinbad Coleridge.

The Bishop of Salisbury The Rt Rev Nicholas Holtam gave the address based around the many different ways of telling the Christmas story.

Rev Paul Thompson Head of Chaplaincy, HMP Erlestoke, led a prayerful reflection of Christmas remembering not only prisoners but also their victims and all families involved in the pain prison can bring.

The Footprints project mentors men and women who are leaving prison or serving a community sentence in the Dorset, Somerset and Hampshire area. It aims to reduce the risk of reoffending by helping to re-integrate former offenders into the community.

News in brief...

■ CAROLS FOR SHOPPERS will take place outside Barclays Bank in South Street on Tuesday, December 23rd, from 9.00am to 10.00am. A collection will be made for Christian Aid.

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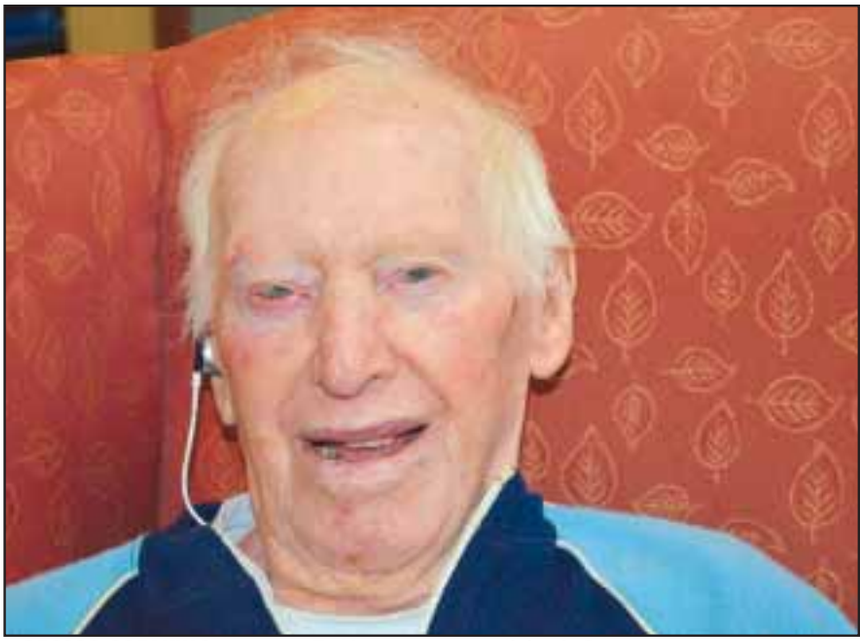

■ RECORD-BREAKING paper boy Ted Ingram, 93, now living in Dorchester

Staff and residents at Care South's Maiden Castle House care home in Dorchester now have a national celebrity in their midst.

New resident, Ted Ingram, currently holds the record for the world's oldest and longest-serving paperboy, an achievement listed in the 2013 Guinness Book of Records.

In 71 years of service, Ted claims to have delivered more than 500,000 newspapers to homes in Winterborne Monkton.

A paperboy since the age of 22, Ted originally took the job in 1942 to subsidise his income as a tractor driver on a local farm and he never looked back.

Retiring last year at the age of 93, Ted missed no more than two rounds during the whole of his career, both of which were prevented by heavy snow.

Ted commented: "The time came last year for me to finally retire and to let someone else take over my round. It felt strange not to be heading out with the papers every day, having done it for so long. I've lived in this area all my life and being a paperboy, people recognise me and are used to seeing me around - especially after I won the world record for doing my job!"

Dawn Palmer, Home Manager at Care South's Maiden Castle House, said: "We are delighted to welcome Ted to Maiden Castle House and he seems to be settling in very well. Staff and residents love hearing the stories he tells of his time working as a paperboy. It's incredible to think that he delivered papers announcing the end of the Second World War and the Queen's coronation. We hope he'll be very happy here."

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Children born between September 1st 2010 and August 31st 2011 should start school in September 2015, and parents have until January 15th 2015 to apply for a school place.

Dorset County Council handles school admissions for the county and is reminding parents that they must apply now to be in with a chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Cllr Toni Coombs, Cabinet member for education at Dorset County Council, said: "With Christmas nearly upon us, we want to make sure that parents don't forget to send us their applications.

"Starting school is a major milestone in a child's life and I cannot stress enough how important it is that families apply on time, as submitting an application late affects the likelihood of being allocated a place at a preferred school."

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If parents apply online they will be able to view the outcome of their application on the website dorsetforyou.com next 16 April 2015.

■ FROM left: senior vice-president David McNair, chief executive Ian Girling, president Rob Mitchell and junior vice-president Vincent Boni

Ambitious business plans launched by DCCI

AN ambitious vision for the future has been launched at Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry's (DCCI) annual meeting.

Chief executive Ian Girling outlined the dynamic five-year plan for 2015-2020 under its new motto, Leading Business in Dorset.

He also unveiled a bold new look for the Chamber's brand, logo and colours at the meeting attended by 57 members at the Menzies Carlton Hotel in Bournemouth.

New office bearers and elected council members were also appointed for 2015 with AFC Bournemouth commercial director Rob Mitchell succeeding Paul Collins as president.

Mr Girling said: "We are an ambitious Chamber with a clear focus on where we want to go and what we want to achieve.

The new strategy for success comes after 12 months of modernisation and expansion at DCCI.

It focuses on DCCI's long term aims and aspirations to spearhead the drive for economic growth in Dorset.

The five-year plan sets out clear targets under four headings:

- supporting our members,
- helping make Dorset a great place to do business,
- facilitating a powerful voice for business and
- developing accessible support for business.

Key measures include delivery of high quality events, conferences, services, advice and support.

Others are developing core business skills and knowledge as well as information about legislation, key issues, opportunities, access to funding and new technology.

DCCI will encourage inward investment, develop international trade, support growth of key sectors and forge a powerful pan-Dorset chamber network.

The Chamber will allow easy access to services which support the development and delivery of enhanced services for start-up and established businesses.

Rob paid tribute to outgoing president Paul for an outstanding tenure as he accepted the office for 2015 and said he was looking forward to working with David and Vincent, as well as Ian, the Chamber team and the DCCI board.

He said he could only see DCCI going from strength to strength and added: "With the launch of the new five year strategic plan, it is an exciting time to be taking on the role."

Visit www.dcci.co.uk to see the full five-year plan.

Old Hardyeans' reunion

■ **STANDING (l to r) Richard Cummins, Ken Stephens, Clive Dickinson, Colin Smith, Graham Lush, Michel Hooper-Immins; seated: Stuart 'Snuffy' Hargreaves, Hugh Slavin, John Sibley**

NINE Old Hardyeans, who all started at Hardye's School together in September 1958, came together for a reunion lunch at the Colliton Club 56 years on.

It was over half a century ago that the eight first met at Hardye's then Junior School, Wollaston House in Dorchester's Durngate Street, moving to the Senior School in Culliford Road two years later.

Organiser Colin Smith from Weymouth has kept in touch with many of his classmates and is delighted by the turn-out.

"It is always good to see old friends over a pint," says Colin.

"We try to get together once a year around Christmas, but this year a few are missing for various reasons."

Ken Stephens travelled from Croydon for the reunion and Graham Lush from Southampton. Richard Cummins had just returned from a holiday in New Zealand that day, but broke his journey home to Ferndown to look in at the Colliton Club. Hugh Slavin came across from Bournemouth, while Stuart 'Snuffy' Hargreaves travelled from Maiden Newton. Clive Dickinson and John Sibley still live in Dorchester.

"Now we all have bus passes, but the years have not diminished our friendship," says Weymouth's Michel Hooper-Immins, who is secretary of the Old Hardyeans.

"Very quickly our minds went back 56 years, to 1958, Wollaston House, our teachers and our contemporaries, quite a few of which still live locally. Through the medium of email, we keep in regular contact and so much look forward to our annual reunions."

Tesco's gives decorations and vouchers to Age UK centre

AGE UK Dorchester received a Christmas gift from Tesco in the form of gift cards totalling £130 to be spent on supplies for their newly refurbished kitchen.

Lisa Bedford, Tesco Community Champion called in to the activity centre at Age UK Dorchester to present the cards to Judy Wilding and activity centre visitors.

Lisa Holmes, Head of Care at Age UK said: "We are really grateful to Tesco for supporting our new venture providing hot lunches to older people both in our activity centre and lunch clubs. Their donation will enable us to purchase some items of kitchen equipment that we still need as well as stock up on dry goods like flour and sugar."

As well as the gift cards, Tesco also donated some of their Christmas decorations, which were used to decorate the centre. Pictured is activity centre manager, Judy Wilding with one of the centre's visitors.

For more information about the activity centre, lunch clubs or volunteering at Age UK Dorchester, please contact Lisa on 01305 269444.

Spot the Christmas Turkey Competition

In last week's View From newspapers we ran our annual Spot the Christmas Turkey competition.

The prize of the hamper goes to Tracy Moore from Dorchester who correctly spotted 13 turkeys. Congratulations!

Sienna restaurant to close next year

RUSSELL and Eléna Brown, owners of Michelin-starred Sienna Restaurant in Dorchester, have announced that they will close in April.

The couple will be running their last service at the restaurant on Saturday, April 25th, 12 years to the day after they opened.

Russell said, "Our lease comes to the end in May 2015 and, after careful consideration, Eléna and I have decided that it is time to look for a new opportunity and therefore won't be renewing."

"We have had a fantastic run at Sienna over the years. We have both learnt a huge amount, shed some tears, made some true friends and above all I have been able to pursue a dream.

"It hasn't always been an easy ride but the last five years have seen the business really flourish. Getting a Michelin star in 2010 was a huge turning point and I know it may seem odd that we are making this announcement, however I genuinely feel we have come as far as we can with Sienna in its current guise. A break in our lease is the right time to move on."

He went on to say: "Both Eléna and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years; friends, family, staff, suppliers and all our customers."

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■ THE Early Years and Childcare award winners

County awards 'outstanding' childcare

People working with young children in Dorset have been praised for their commitment at the annual Early Years and Childcare Awards ceremony.

The ceremony, organised by Dorset County Council, celebrated the nurseries, pre-schools and childminders which have received the highest Ofsted grade of 'Outstanding' over the last year. There are now 116 'outstanding' early years establishments across Dorset.

Dorset County Council's director for children's services Sara Tough and head of learning and inclusion, Phil Minns presented the awards.

Ms Tough said: "These early years of a child's life are arguably the most important in setting the foundations for future development, so I'm delighted that a number of early years, childcare settings and childminders in Dorset are rated as outstanding by Ofsted. Parents can be confident that their little ones are in good hands and are being given the best start in life."

Tina Ironside, partnership and workforce manager for Dorset County Council, said: "Research proves that the quality of childcare is directly linked to the qualifications of staff working with children, so we are very lucky in Dorset to have so many dedicated early years professionals willing to study for many years to reach graduate level."

Toni Coombs, Dorset County Council member for education said: "We are very proud of the achievements of our early years providers. To have so many now accredited as 'outstanding' is a reflection of the high quality settings here in Dorset giving our youngest children a really strong foundation for starting school."

News in brief...

■ SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE for a Christmas Day lunch for older people who would otherwise be alone on the day.

The town's volunteer centre has been holding the 'Company at Christmas' event for 18 years.

Volunteers provide free transport to and from Damers Restaurant at the county hospital and guests also get to take home a hamper of Christmas treats to enjoy.

The event has room for 40 guests and has 26 volunteers signed up to help but there are more spaces available for those who want to attend and enjoy a free lunch.

Guests are collected from their homes from 10.00am and will be taken back later.

Those interested in attending should contact the Volunteer Centre on Dorchester (01305) 269214.

■ A SECOND POUNDBURY FAIR, organised by Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary attracted hundreds of visitors at Queen Mother Square over the weekend.

The event started on Friday evening with Mayor Peter Mann switching on the Christmas Tree lights and continued on Saturday.

The event included carol singing from the Damers School choir, seasonal tunes from the Durnovaria Silver Band, mulled wine and around 40 craft stalls full of present ideas.

Festive foods were also be available including mulled wine, mince pies and a hog-roast.

The Christmas Fair was organised by Casterbridge Rotary Club to raise money for the President's charity, the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

"With other events I would hope to be able to donate between £3,000 and £4,000 by the end of the year," said President John Adams. "This event has been a great success and we've attracted a lot of people."

■ Barry Tempest from the Amnesty group putting a card on the tree

Cards for Amnesty

AROUND 200 people signed cards for international prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders in Dorchester.

Members of Dorchester and District Amnesty Group held their annual Tree of Hope event at the Cornhill using the town council's tree as a focal point.

Local people signed cards which were posted with messages such as "Thinking of you" or "You are not forgotten."

Said organiser Barry Tempest: "Nearly 200 cards were signed and will soon be finding their way overseas to provide both moral support to those under threat and a warning to the authorities that the eyes of the world are upon them."

Cards will be sent to a variety of countries including Turkey, China and the United Arab Emirates.

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Make your wishes known on organ donation

STAFF at Dorset County Hospital asked people to think about the gift of organ donation as they switched on their Christmas tree lights.

The hospital's organ donation team has sponsored a tree in the courtyard near North Wing reception to highlight the importance of discussing your organ donation wisheswith your family.

Local supplier Trinity Street Christmas Trees gave a discount on the tree and the lights were sponsored by local firm Knighton Plumbing and Heating.

DCH clinical lead for critical care and organ donation Dr Andrew Ball said: "Every day in the UK, three people die waiting for an organ transplant.

"It is possible that any of us may be in a position to help others after our death through the gift of organ donation.

"We would like you to consider discussing this with your family and loved ones and if appropriate joining the organ donation register. Make a choice and make it known.

"By donating your organs after you die, you will help save and transform the lives of desperately ill people."

Around 5,000 people each year in the UK die in circumstances where their organs can be donated to help enhance or save someone else's life.

To find out more visit the Organ Donation website at www.organdonation.nhs.uk.

■ **FROM left to right, Dr Andrew Ball, carpenter Karl Berkley, Knighton Plumbing & Heating representatives Ellen Rawlings and Dudley Dorton, organ donation nurse Lucy Dames and hospital electrician David Willis**

Plans to celebrate hospital's 175 years

PLANS are being made to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Dorset County Hospital (DCH) with a series of projects being organised to mark the occasion.

The hospital, Dorset History Centre and Dorchester Museum have come together to stage an exhibition, publish a commemorative booklet and co-ordinate music and oral history projects.

The oral history project aims to capture the memories of patients and staff, past and present, and volunteers are being sought to help.

Maria Gayton, community engagement officer at the Dorset History Centre, explained: "Recorded memories from individuals can add greatly to our understanding of an institution.

"It is hoped that both patients and staff will choose to share their stories, or to help in the collection of recordings. So, if you were one of the first babies born at the new site; had riotous times in the nurses' home; developed a new medical technique or perhaps had your life saved by emergency treatment, please get in touch and add your name to those with a memory to share.

"If you would prefer to be on the other side of the microphone, training will be provided in how to collect archive quality recordings."

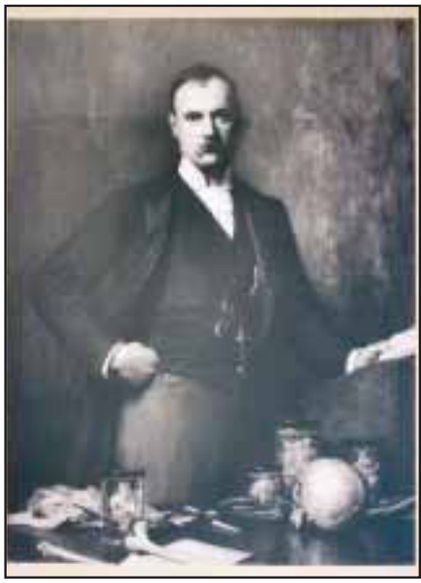
The first DCH was opened in Dorchester in 1840, when a group of wealthy philanthropists established a hospital of 20 beds. Today the hospital, at the more recent site in west Dorchester, has around 400 beds.

"Medicine has seen advances in anaesthesia, cancer treatment, the care of premature babies, and many other areas. Society has seen two world wars and the founding of the National Health Service. All these stories and more are contained within the hospital's history," said Maria.

"A local partnership of DCH, Dorset History Centre and Dorchester Museum is determined to highlight this history, and celebrate both the technology and the humanity which has contributed to our longer, healthier lives.

"To this end, a grant is being sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help with an exhibition at the hospital from May to August 2015, a small publication, a music project and a new collection of oral histories."

To volunteer for the oral history project please contact Maria Gayton at the history centre on m.gayton@dorsetcc.gov.uk or 01305 228947.



■ **Sir Frederick Treves, born in Dorchester in 1853, famed for his care of Joseph Merrick (the Elephant Man) and King Edward VII. Treves opened an operating room at the DCH in 1903**

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■ West Dorset CAMRA chairman Dave Harris (second left) presents the certificate to the Cerne Abbas brewers © Michel Hooper-Immins

New brewery wins CAMRA award

THE newest brewery in Dorset, the Cerne Abbas Brewery, has won the Beer of the Festival title by drinkers at Weymouth's Beer Festival.

The Brewery started in May when Vic Irvine and Jodie Moore bought the equipment of Art Brew at North Chideock. With the help of Chris Parsons, Cerne Abbas Ale is said by CAMRA to be gaining in popularity across the county.

The presentation was made at a special event at Weymouth Pavilion for the 47 volunteers who made the festival such a success.

"We are always surprised and delighted when a previously unknown beer wins our public vote," comments West Dorset CAMRA Chairman Dave Harris.

"This year, not only did Cerne Abbas Ale win the competition, but sold out on the first day- a double success, so it is a very well deserved award."

The team is currently still brewing at North Chideock, but will soon move to a new location near Cerne Abbas.

"We were delighted to win the Beer of the Festival award," says Vic Irvine. "CAMRA beer festivals are always the best and given that our beer ran out after two of the four sessions, we felt our achievement was quite remarkable.

"The ales will vary monthly: November's was single hopped with Chinook hops. December's is brewed with Jester, a new British hop from the breeding programme that we consider a punchy answer to all the hops flooding the country from America and down under!"

Both the dark and the new blonde versions of Cerne Abbas Ale are on sale at Dorchester's Colliton Club.

County hospital to improve diabetic podiatry services

Dorset County Hospital (DCH) is to improve services for people with diabetes who have problems with their feet.

Diabetes UK has recently highlighted concerns about the rates of amputations among patients with diabetes, saying that many could be prevented.

Dorset has seen a significant reduction in amputation rates over the last few years, but the team at DCH is committed to lowering that further.

Service improvements have already made a difference and diabetes consultant Dr Adeel Ghaffar says more developments are planned.

He said: "We have two new vascular consultants and I joined the diabetes team this year. We are really starting to see the benefits of the changes we have made since the summer.

"We now have a multi-disciplinary team of professionals dedicated to the foot service, including a diabetes consultant, vascular consultants, podiatrists, orthotists, an orthopaedic consultant, orthopaedic practitioners, microbiologists and radiologists.

"We discuss cases together and hold a fortnightly clinic for patients which acts as a one-stop shop, so there are fewer separate waits and referrals.

"This reduces clinic attendances by as much as two thirds as the patient can see all the relevant specialists on one occasion.

"The whole process is now much quicker for patients. Patients now wait two weeks to see a vascular consultant in a dedicated clinic rather than previously waiting several weeks. Prompt decisions can be made and potentially limb-saving treatment expedited.

"We currently run a foot clinic four days a week. We want to increase that to five and reduce waiting times further. We also don't currently have a podiatrist who sees patients in hospital so we are hoping to put that service in place too.

■ DIABETES consultant Dr Adeel Ghaffar (back left), with (l to r), podiatrist Nicola Grenville-Cleave, consultant microbiologist Dr Sally Groom, vascular consultant Mr Alex Watson and orthotist Carolyn Royse

Dr Ghaffar explained why diabetic patients often have problems with their feet and why sometimes this can lead to amputation.

He said: "Diabetes is associated with nerve damage and the longest nerves are affected first.

"The feet become numb so you don't have pain to tell you something is wrong with your feet if you get injured.

"A patient may get a blister or ulcer which becomes infected. If that infection gets to the bone before any treatment then it can lead to amputation.

"With diabetes you will also often have a poor blood supply so when you get an injury the blood flow doesn't increase as it should and you don't heal well.

"It's really important that people with diabetes check their feet every day, looking for breaks in the skin, and seek medical attention promptly regardless of whether they think the foot problem is serious or not."

If people are unwell or have concerns about their diabetes over the weekend when they cannot access advice from their GP or practice nurse, they can call the diabetes team at the hospital on 01305 255342, between 8.00am and 5.00pm.

Bovington lends a tank for wartime game

■ MATHEW Carvalh and Brian Frost from Bovington Tank Museum

A REPLICA tank had pride of place for a charity evening at Dorchester Town football club which attracted a thousand people.

Bovington Tank Museum loaned the tank to the club for the evening which also saw a match between an army side and the Magpies to commemorate the First World War Christmas Day football game when German and British troops came together in peace.

Before the game the crowd and players stood for a minute's silence; prayers and carols followed.

The Dorchester side won the game 7-0 and trophies were presented afterwards with commemorative medals for each player..

"We were delighted that so many people turned out to give support to this very special and unique event and remember the young people who sacrificed so much 100 years ago," said event organiser and club community chairman Allen Knott.

The event raised funds for Combat Stress and Blesma (the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association).

■ TANK outside the Avenue Stadium

No more markets for Martinstown

ANCIENT laws and a Royal Charter were used by the district council to put an end to plans for a regular market on Martinstown Green.

The district council claimed that under a Royal Charter the village event needed permission because it was seen as a rival to Dorchester Market.

Organisers were told last year: "The Authority responsible for Dorchester market, Dorchester Markets Joint Panel, made up of town and district councillors, has the right under a Royal Charter of 1630 to control the operation of markets held within six and two thirds miles of Dorchester market. The definition of a market being "a concourse of buyers and sellers of all manner of goods".

But the Martinstown organisers, who ran the first market in May 2013, claimed the village Charter took precedent over Dorchester's claims.

"The market of Martinstown needs no consent from your council and is not a rival market.

"Martinstown market is the senior market operating under a charter of 1268.

"Your original market charter is dated 1324 and fully recites the days upon which markets may be held in Dorchester.

"The Charter you refer to makes no reference to the days upon which a market should or may be held in Dorchester and merely confirms the original charter.

"Although Dorchester does have the right to hold a market on a Friday, it is a market that competes with and is a rival to Martinstown because Martinstown has the senior charter.

"Your council is aware of this. Dorchester's charter also gives the rights to hold markets on a Wednesday and Saturday and four fairs throughout the year."

However, despite the legal arguments, Martinstown market quickly came to an end, failing to attract more than a handful of sellers and few buyers. There are currently no plans to revive it.

Cerne Valley agrees to Neighbourhood Plan

DORSET'S first Neighbourhood Plan has been agreed in the Cerne Valley, when residents voted 'yes' on the proposals after a referendum on December 11th.

It will now go to West Dorset District Council's full council meeting on January 8th for councillors to agree to its formal adoption.

The plan was drawn up by local people and, once formally adopted, will be used to make decisions on planning applications.

Cllr Robert Gould, leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "It is excellent news that Dorset's first Neighbourhood Plan has been agreed by Cerne Valley residents.

"Once agreed by councillors at Full Council it will give local people more powers in deciding whether or not planning permission should be given for new buildings, or for changes to existing buildings."

Chairman of Cerne Valley parish council, Ian Humphreys, said: "This positive result follows an extensive period of consultation with local residents and a lot of hard work from the working group chaired by Fred Horsington.

"As a front runner, we have been breaking new ground on Neighbourhood Planning.

"The end result should ensure that future planning applications will be approved in accordance with the policies established and agreed by the majority of local residents.

"We are delighted that these policies are now enshrined in our Neighbourhood Plan."

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News in brief...

■ THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL CHAPEL CHOIR holds its annual carol service on Thursday, December 18th at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church.

■ ST PETER'S CAROL SERVICE holds its own Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 21st at 6.30pm, with a Choral Midnight Mass from 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

■ CHRISTMAS CLUB NIGHT is being organised by the Round Table at the Spice Centre on Friday, December 19th.

Wessex FM will provide the music and the event has attracted four main sponsors, so all the profits from the event will be donated to the Kingfisher Ward at the County Hospital, helping to meet the cost of revamping the teenager's room on the ward.

Tickets are available from the Spice Centre.

■ CHRISTMAS EVENING WITH ALLEN KNOTT will take place at the Crossways Court lounge, Crossways on Saturday, December 20th at 7.30pm with a buffet for residents.

■ TRANSITION TOWN DORCHESTER is holding volunteer farm days this Sunday 21st and again on the 28th.

Help is needed with a range of tasks from 10.00am until 3.00pm at the Community Farm, which is behind the Parkway Farm Business Centre off Middle Farm Way, Poundbury, Dorchester, DT1 3AR.

■ STINSFORD OCCASIONAL CHOIR will perform at the village church of St Michael's on December 21st at 6.00pm.

The carol service will include readings and will be followed by a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

Carol Davies will conduct, with organist Malcolm Davies.

Sunninghill's carols round the tree

■ Pupils, teachers and staff at Sunninghill Preparatory School in Dorchester enjoyed their annual Carols Around the Christmas Tree event.

The school tradition has been going for many years, with pupils from across the school playing instruments and teachers and staff all joining in.

Acting head John Thorpe said: "In the all the excitement at the end of term, it's lovely take a moment to sing carols and celebrate Christmas together before we go on holiday."

The independent, co-ed day school caters for children aged three months to 13 years.

Strollers give their boots a seasonal break

Having recently ventured on the bus to Weymouth for a weekly walk, Dorchester Strollers will be taking a break over the Christmas period but will be back encouraging people to walk for fitness from Monday, December 29th.

This week's meetings are on Monday, December 22nd, gathering at 10.30am at the Brownsword Hall and on Tuesday, December 23rd 2.15pm at North Square.

On Monday 29th the group's gentle walks resume, meeting up at 10.30am outside the Diabetes Centre in Bridport Road with another walk on Tuesday 30th starting at 2.15pm in North Square.

News in brief...

■ FUTURE ROOTS will greet Father Christmas this Saturday, December 20th, from 2.00 to 6.00pm.

Young visitors will be able to follow the site's Woodland Trail with refreshments available for all ages.

The not for profit organisation, Future Roots, took over the running of the former NHS run Whitfield Rural Activity Centre earlier in the year.

Book early to see Santa by calling Julie on Dorchester (01305) 251731.

■ CLASSIC AND VINTAGE VEHICLES will be lined up at the Sun Inn, Lower Burton from 11.30am on Sunday, December 21st at the annual meeting of the Dorset Transport of Yesteryear group.

■ DORFORD BAPTIST CHURCH will be hosting a candlelit carol service on Monday, December 22nd. The event, at the Bridport Road church, starts at 6.30pm.

■ FRAMPTON CAROLS AROUND THE TREE will take place at Frampton House on Monday, December 22nd at 6.30pm.

The annual event, to include mulled cider, mince pies and a supper, costs £10 for adults, £5 for children under 13. Proceeds will go to St Mary's Church fabric fund.

Tickets are available from the Frampton Garage or by calling (01305) 320665.

■ DORCHESTER LIBRARY will be holding two Christmas-themed events for young visitors on Tuesday, Decemer23rd.

From 10.30am for an hour there will be Christmas stories and crafts and then from 2.30pm children can enjoy a seasonal Christmas Rhyme Time event.

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THINK DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

The festive season is now upon us and with it comes work nights out and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family. But for all too many, it's tempting to ruin the celebrations by driving home after a couple of drinks.

Fifty years of campaigning against drink driving

IN THE last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2012, there were still 230 deaths due to drink driving – accounting for 13% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive. You risk a fine of up to £5,000, a minimum 12-month driving ban and a criminal record.

THE LAW

There are strict alcohol limits for UK drivers: In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for drivers is:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine

In Scotland (from 5 December 2014) the legal alcohol limit for drivers is lower at:

- 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 67 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

However it is not possible to say how much alcohol you can drink and stay below the limit. The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- your weight, age, sex and metabolism (the rate your body uses energy)
- the type and amount of alcohol you're drinking
- what you've eaten recently
- your stress levels at the time

So if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.

DRINK DRIVING

- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
- You can still be over the limit the morning after.
- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 10 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

THE CONSEQUENCES

if you are convicted of drink driving, including:

- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A fine of up to £5,000
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

However, this list does not reflect the everyday consequences of being caught drink driving which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

The Institute of Advanced Motorists calculate that a drink drive conviction could cost between £20,000 - £50,000 as a result of fines, solicitors fees, increase in car insurance and loss of job.

YOU DRINK
YOU DRIVE
YOU LOSE

THINK ADVICE

Beware the morning after

You could be over the legal limit many hours after your last drink, even if it's the 'morning after'. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help to sober you up - time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system.

There is no excuse for drink driving

"I can handle my drink."

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop

"I'm only going down the road."

A large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey.

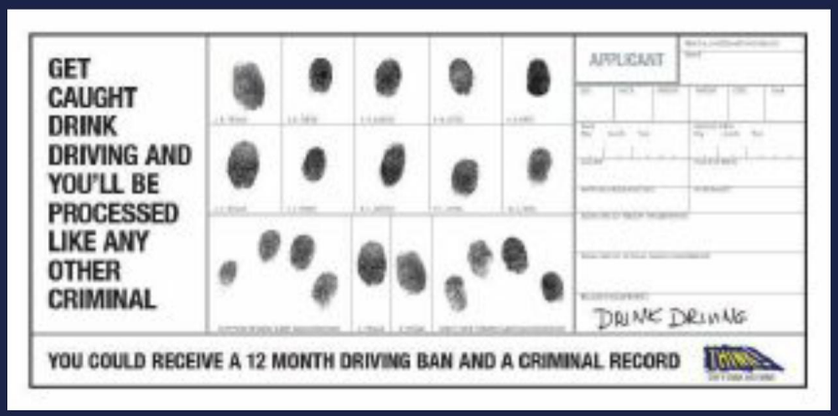
If you're planning to drink alcohol, plan how to get home without driving

Options include agreeing on a designated driver, saving a taxi number to your phone, or finding out about public transport routes and times before you go out.

Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive

Even if you're not driving, you can help reduce the number of people who are killed and injured every year by drink driving.

Don't accept a lift from a driver you know has drunk alcohol



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News in brief...

■ AGE UK SEEKS XMAS DONATIONS to help their Dorchester Christmas Party for older people go with a swing.

Items for the annual party, such as crackers, festive hats, sherry, napkins, chocolates, fruit juices and other non-alcoholic drinks can be dropped in to the Age UK headquarters in Prince of Wales Road.

■ SOUTH AFRICAN BIRDS will be the subject of an illustrated talk in St George's hall this week.

The 7.45pm meeting on Thursday 18th will see Ann Wheatcroft speak about the birds she saw during a visit to the Zululand and Kruger National Park in South Africa.

Admission is £3.50, to include tea or coffee for non-RSPB members, £3 for those who belong to the organisation.

■ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DORCHESTER has given £100 to buy Advent calendars for the children of those families who use foodbanks.

Dorchester Poverty Action group has offered help to almost 100 families in urgent need of help this year and will again run a Christmas voucher scheme.

■ DORCHESTER'S COLLITON CLUB has been named as one of the top ten in the country in a competition organised by their trade journal.

The club and its manager Neil Gatehouse were selected from nearly 1,000 entrants as a finalist for the 2014 Club Awards organised by Club Mirror Magazine.

The club is known for its food and has featured regularly in the Good Beer Guide. Local service clubs regularly use the club for meetings in addition to its membership of largely public sector workers.

Fundraising going well for Rotary Club

DORCHESTER Rotary Club says ticket sales for this year's Christmas draw are going well.

This year's annual draw will offer support to 39 local charities and takes place on Monday, December 22nd, with a first prize of £500 and three other cash prizes of £250, £100 and £50.

The top prize this year is donated by headline sponsor Futurum Renewable Energy Systems based at Poundbury. Mananging Director John Scott said: "We are again pleased to support The Dorchester Rotary Club draw, which provides much needed cash to support many local charities and causes."

Rotary Club President Ian Dominy said: "We are thankful to John Scott and Futurum for donating the £500 first prize and, of course, to our other prize sponsors, Dorchester Timber, Park House Residential Home and Matt Lucas Funeral Directors."

The annual Rotary Christmas draw is in its 10th year and has raised thousands of pounds for local charities. The tickets are sold by each of the 39 charities who then keep the funds they raise. These funds are then enhanced by The Rotary Club once all other ticket sales have been collected.

To reinforce the Christmas message, Rotary's sleigh is to start its regular appearances in the town – raising money for local causes.

The sleigh, accompanied by Father Christmas and a couple of his reindeer, will be in South Street today and on Friday, December 19th.

The charities which will benefit from the South Street collections this year include the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance; Home Start West Dorset; DCH Ridgway Hospital Radio; the Fortuneswell Ward at Dorset County Hospital and Rotary Charities.

The club will also selling Christmas Draw raffle tickets at Galton Garden Centre, as well as the Poundbury Gardens in support of 40 local Dorset charities participating this year.

■ **The Rotary Club of Dorchester reindeer and helper ready to go out and about**

Moreton starts 100-Club

MORETON Village Hall is setting up a '100 Club' to support its new hall currently being built.

Each subscriber pays £15 for a ticket number which is entered into 12 monthly draws and a grand draw.

Half of all money raised goes to the Village Hall fund and half to the 100 Club prize funds.

If 100 tickets are sold, the village hall would have £750 for its funds and the prize fund would have £750 which would give a monthly prize of £50 and a Grand Draw prize of £150.

Further information is available from Maeve Sexty, Secretary, Moreton village hall management committee (01929) 463221 or via the website: www.moretonvillagehall.btck.co.uk.

News in brief...

■ WEDDING TIME BRIDAL SALON has won a county award at the Dorset wedding Supplier Awards Ceremony.

The High West Street business won awards for bridal wear and grooms' wear.

Tracy Carroll, who has owned the Salon for 22 years said: "We are thrilled and honoured to have won two awards in separate categories. We all work very hard on our customer service and attention to detail, making sure that everything goes smoothly for our brides' and grooms' special days."

■ CAROLS IN BOROUGH GARDENS take place this Thursday, December 18th at 6.30pm with seasonal refreshments.

The carols will be led by 'Encore' and the Durnovaria Silver Band. The event has been organised by the Friends of the Borough Gardens and sponsored by the town council. Father Christmas is expected to visit the event.

■ FORMER PUPILS of Dorchester Grammar School, Hardye's School and the Thomas Hardye School are being invited to a Christmas lunch next week in the county town.

The Old Hardyeans Christmas lunch is being held at the Kings Arms Hotel on Thursday, December 18th at 12.30pm.

"We know there are lots of old boys and former students who still live in Dorset and we would like to invite them to join us for the Christmas lunch," says Old Hardyeans' Secretary Michel Hooper-Immins.

■ A FREE CLASSICAL CONCERT (piano and clarinet) is being held in the County Museum on Thursday, December 18th at 1.00pm with Illumine.

The event will last only an hour and although free donations are requested to help meet costs.

Judy's Jewells

HI! My name is Judy Churchill and I'm a jewellery designer specialising in high-end, fashion accessories. I use semi-precious gemstones to create 99% of my pieces, taking inspiration from things around me, nature and trends. I use the best quality stones sourced from around the world, making each piece feel as good as it looks! Carefully hand finishing all my items to the highest quality ensures your jewellery pieces can be treasured for years.

I first became interested in making jewellery about five years ago. I have always been keen on crafts, first dressmaking (which I still do), knitting and then card making. Although I still knit and sew, I was never happy with my card making – I didn't achieve the professional look I was after.

So I started looking at making jewellery. After watching a couple of shows on the television I was hooked. I bought the tools a few beads and wire and off I went. Looking back, my first pieces were very amateurish, but with practice my skills have grown from strength to strength and I can now achieve the look I want.

I started off working with glass beads and then just out of interest bought some semi-precious gemstones. Well, that was it! I haven't looked back. They are so tactile and individual that each piece of jewellery never looks the same as the one before.

My stash grew and grew and the pieces of jewellery I was making I couldn't possibly wear if I lived to be 100! Then I was made redundant and the idea was born to open my own retail premises. It took me about a year to decide but once I was over the initial anxiety of 'shall I shan't I' scenario, I bit the bullet and went ahead.

After a few sleepless nights I opened the doors to the public in October 2012 and I love it. It is still early days but new people are finding me all the time so word is getting round slowly. So if you are ever in the Dorchester, Dorset area, look me up.

Help St John Ambulance keep Santa safe this Christmas

ST JOHN Ambulance is helping prevent unnecessary hospital admissions through first aid support and advice, in Dorset, over Christmas and the New Year.

As the NHS comes under increased pressure during the winter, the charity has launched a #SaveSantacampaign to teach first aid tips, as well as running projects aimed at stemming the flow of patients into accident and emergency departments.

St John Ambulance volunteers will be at events throughout the county, during the festive season to ensure that anyone who needs first aid gets it quickly. And the charity has enlisted the help of Santa Claus to illustrate five of the most common and easily treated injuries and ailments, through a series of cartoons, complete with expert first aid advice.

Dorset-based first aid trainer, Grant Wilson said: "So much of our work is about the importance of learning first aid, so that people can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved, but it's also important to know the basics, such as how to deal with cuts, bruises and other minor injuries.

"Many household emergencies can be dealt with in the home and don't need a trip to A&E, especially at such a busy time of year.

"A little first aid knowledge can go a long way and, if you're stuck for a New Year's resolution, how about booking onto one of our first aid courses, where you can learn even more skills?

For more information on St John Ambulance's work, including how to become a volunteer and details of training for the public, schools and businesses, visit www.sja.org.uk or call 08700 10 49.

Free advice service for Multiple Sclerosis sufferers

A FREE advice service for people with MS will continue to be operated by the Dorchester and Sherborne Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Over the past four years, the South West Dorset Branch of the MS Society has been working in partnership with the CAB to provide a free and confidential service to people with MS.

Dedicated Citizens Advice caseworker Dan Wallis has been working with the society to provide information, help and support in the community.

He has been available to make home visits to clients in the Dorchester, Weymouth, Portland and Bridport areas, to give advice and help on issues such as entitlement and access to state benefits.

Over the past four years, total benefit entitlements amounting to over £600,000 have been awarded as a result of Dan's advice and support. This equates to a return of £24 for every £1 of the annual grant of some £7,000 that the SW Dorset MS Branch contributes to the CAB budget.

Lynda Kiss, chairman of the branch has signed a new agreement for 2015 to enable the service to continue.

Councillor Peter Mann, Mayor of Dorchester and a trustee of the CAB, welcomes the new agreement.

He commented: "This is really good news for people with MS and for their families and carers. The partnership between the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the CAB has achieved huge benefits and I am delighted that it will be continuing to support the people of this area".

If you wish to contact the local MS Society branch, phone 01305 269375 or email swdorset@mssociety.org.uk

To contact Dan Wallis at the CAB, phone 01305 751514 or email admin@dorchester.cabnet.org.uk.

If you have a story for Weymouth or Portland, email hdswalton@yahoo.co.uk for Dorchester, trevorbevins@gmail.com

Wessex Water improves service while bills will fall in real terms

WEYMOUTH, Dorchester and west Dorset are to benefit from a major project by Wessex Water.

The company is completing an integrated water supply grid: a scheme which has been in use since 2010 which also includes north Dorset, and will be spending another £100 million on the eight-year project to enable Wessex Water to move water around its region and improve the ability to deal with unforeseen problems at individual sources.

The next three years will see the project extend to other other parts of Dorset, providing more resilient water supplies to Dorchester, Weymouth and west Dorset.

Wessex Water has also announced that average bills for its customers will go down in real terms over the next five years.

The company will keep bills below the rate of inflation, having already held bill increases for 2014-2015 to inflation only changes. The average household bill for Wessex Water customers will fall by £39 and will not increase above inflation for the next five years.

At the same time, the company will invest more than ever before: more than £2 billion to maintain and improve services for customers. This major investment will boost local economies and create hundreds of new jobs.

Chief Executive Colin Skellett said: "Over the last year we have undertaken our largest ever customer consultation obtaining the views of more than 21,000 customers and 90 organisations.

"Our multi-million pound investment programme is based on the views of our customers, delivering higher standards of customer service. At the same time, by reducing returns to shareholders and improving our efficiency, we have been able to lower customers' bills in real terms.

"Even though bills will be going down in real terms, we recognise that some customers find it difficult to pay, which is why our plans also include further extension of our social tariffs and assistance programme."

Wessex Water's business plan was scrutinised by the independent regulator, Ofwat, to determine the right balance between investment, returns and prices.

The plan includes investment of more than £250 million on improving underground pipes, further work to reduce leakage - which has halved over the last 10 years - and work to reduce supply interruptions and to raise environmental standards.

Mr Skellett said: "Wessex Water continues to be recognised as the best performing water and sewerage company, providing the highest standards of customer services. This major investment will ensure customers continue to have the highest standards while at the same time bills fall in real terms."

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Every driver stopped will be breathalised

DORSET Police are urging people to 'shop' those driving over the limit – either on drink, or drugs.

Traffic officers have warned there will be an increase in traffic patrols and roadside checks throughout the festive period.

To date seven people have been charged with a drink or drug drive offence including a 76-year-old Bournemouth man.

Every driver involved in a crash, no matter how minor, in the Christmas and new year period will be breath tested, irrespective of whether they are suspected of drink driving or not.

If someone is caught drink driving, they will face a minimum 12 month driving ban, a criminal record, up to six months in prison and a fine of up to £5,000.

Inspector Matt Butler, of Dorset Police's Traffic Unit, said: "We don't want to stop people having a good time this Christmas but we will do everything we can to make Dorset's roads safer for everyone using them.

"Please don't drink and drive: it is simply not worth the risk. Appoint a designated driver or use a taxi instead.

"I would also like to remind everyone that the morning after can be just as dangerous as the night before so if you have been drinking into the night, there is a strong chance that you may not be fit to drive the morning after.

"No amount of cold showers or black coffee will change that."

Inspector Butler is urging people to call the police on 101, or 999 immediately, if they suspect someone is drink or drug driving.

Calls can also be made to the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555111.

How much should police get from council tax?

LOCAL people are being asked whether they would support a freeze in the amount of council tax paid for police services, or whether they would prefer an increase or reduction.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Underhill, says he is likely to recommend freezing the police share of council tax from April at current levels, but he warns that this will leave little room for any improvements in service, or level of police officers.

He is asking for comments on the proposal, or alternatives, either in writing, by email, phone or via an online survey.

Mr Underhill says each of the possible alternatives will have an effect – increasing the share of the council charge by one per cent would bring in an extra £500,000 and cost the average council tax payer in Dorset an additional £1.80 a year. A five per cent rise would bring in £2.5million extra and cost taxpayers £9 more per year.

A reduction would mean fewer police officers and support staff and a lower level of service.

Underhill calls for the end of taser use on detainees and those in mental health crisis

MARTYN Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner and Chairman of the APCC Mental Health Working Group is calling on the government to draft new guidance to stop tasers being used on detainees in police cells, especially on people in mental health crisis.

The PCC has raised his concerns to Home Office officials, after learning of three cases of detained persons in Dorset being tasered inside a custody block cell.

Mr Underhill said: "I am really concerned to learn about the use of tasers in police cells. In my view the police service needs stricter rules on deployment and stronger scrutiny when they do deploy.

"Just as I have campaigned to stop adults and children in mental health crisis being criminalised in custody suites, so I will campaign to stop mentally ill people being tasered in a cell.

A decade ago, politicians and the public were persuaded to import taser into the UK as an alternative to shooting someone dead.

"Now tasers are routinely carried and deployed as an alternative to all types of restraint. Parliament needs to intervene here and swing the pendulum back."

"It will never 'be okay' to taser someone who is scared, frightened and in crisis in a small cell. People have human rights and their dignity must be protected."

The PCC is in dialogue with a number of mental health leads across the country on this issue.

Martyn Underhill added: "This is a national issue. I am sure that Dorset Police is no different to any other Force and I note that Dorset Police complies with the current ACPO guidance regarding the use of tasers. However, I believe this is an issue worthy of an informed public debate and I strongly believe that there needs to be enhanced scrutiny of taser use and improved data recording of cell block taser deployments."

■ POLICE and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill

"This debate needs to sit within a wider policy discussion of the use of force against detainees in police custody and Martyn Underhill is determined to keep that debate alive."

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Don't let fire ruin Christmas

CHRISTMAS dinner, wrapping presents, decorating your home – there's lots to think about this Christmas. But one thing Dorset Fire & Rescue Service and the Fire Kills campaign are urging Dorset residents to put top of their Christmas lists this year is fire safety.

Fire statistics show that in December, 20 people a day are either killed or injured in accidental fires in the home in England. In December 2013, there were around 2,700 accidental fires in the home in England: more than any other month of the year.

While fire safety is important throughout the year, the extra distractions of Christmas make it especially important to be vigilant during the festive season.

Kate Underhill, Prevention Manager at Dorset Fire & Rescue said: "Christmas is a time for festive cheer with family and friends. But fairy lights, candles and decorations mean it is also a time to take extra care to keep our loved ones safe from fire."

To ensure you have the merriest of Christmases, keep fire safety at the top of your list.

Here are some simple tips from Fire Kills to help you and your family enjoy the joys Christmas safely:

- Ensure you have working smoke alarms installed on all levels of your home. A working alarm can give you the vital time needed to escape in a fire.
- Never leave cooking unattended. Most fires start in the kitchen so this is a high risk area. Many of us enjoy a merry tipple over the festive season but be sure to avoid cooking whilst under the influence of alcohol. Always turn off kitchen appliances when you have finished cooking.
- Never leave burning candles unattended. Keep candles out of the reach of children and away from decorations, cards and wrapping paper, fires, lights and heaters.
- Put your cigarette out, right out. Make sure your cigarette is fully extinguished and take care when under the influence of alcohol or tired. It's very easy to fall asleep while your cigarette is still burning and set furniture alight.
- Don't overload sockets. Always turn off plugs when they are not in use, except those that are designed to be left on, like freezers.
- Ensure you switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed, or leave the house. Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard (BS EN 60598) and are in good working order before use.
- Always use an RCD (residual current device) on outdoor electrical equipment. This safety device can save lives by instantly switching off the power if there is a fault and can be found in any DIY store.
- Do something good this Christmas. Test the smoke alarms of someone you know who may need help such as an older relative or neighbour to ensure their safety as they are at greater risk from fire.

■ GEORGINA Bacon joins the family practice

Bacon joins Battens

A LEGAL firm has appointed an experienced lawyer as it expands its growing family practice in south Dorset.

Georgina Bacon brings eight years of experience to strengthen Battens' family team and specialises in domestic abuse cases.

She will serve clients in the Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester areas, providing support and legal advice to local families.

Georgina, who is an accredited member of the family lawyers' organisation Resolution, said: "Battens already has a well-established, professional and sizeable family team.

"I was keen to join the firm as it has an excellent reputation but also to be able to do more to help those clients who are most in need of help from our family team.

"They include those clients affected by domestic violence who approach us at crisis point when they think no-one is able to help.

"We take a non-confrontational approach to achieve as quick and effective a resolution as possible."

Cherise Luke-Bennett, joint head of Battens' family team, said: "We are very pleased to welcome Georgina to our team.

"As an experienced, knowledgeable and dedicated lawyer, she is a very valuable addition to our growing family practice."

Police target rural crime

DORSET Police's Special Constables delivered a two day cross-border operation recently to prevent and detect rural crime.

A team of 150 special constables from forces in Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon & Cornwall, Avon & Somerset and the Hampshire Constabulary patrolled 1800 square miles of rural area last Friday and Saturday.

Villages and towns around Axminster, Lyme Regis, Broadwindsor, Bridport, Sherborne, Mere, Shaftesbury, Blandford, Wimborne, Verwood, Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Brockenhurst and Christchurch were all included in the patrol route.

The operation, led by Dorset Police's Special Constabulary, involved proactive patrols in communities that have been targeted by criminals committing crime such as burglaries and rural thefts.

Officers carried out stop checks of vehicles travelling in the areas and paid particular attention to those who are known to carry out this type of crime.

Special Inspector Ben Muspratt, of Dorset Police, said: "It is very clear that this high visibility operation has had a positive impact on the community. It has demonstrated to residents that all five forces are committed to tackling rural crime.

"Over 1000 person and vehicle checks were conducted across the south west which sent out a very clear message to criminals that we will not tolerate such activity."

North Dorset special constables followed an alarm sounding in the Tarrant Hinton area; they checked the premises and located the landowner who confirmed it was a false alarm.

In the Sherborne area during patrols Dorset Specials located a six-wheeled off road vehicle with five people onboard with hunting equipment. A stop check confirmed that it belonged to the landowner who stated he was "extremely proud" officers were out patrolling his village.

Later in the shift in the Sherborne area a vehicle was stopped because it had no insurance and was seized from the owner.

"The Special Constabulary is keen to help tackle rural crime and we plan to carry out this operation on a regular basis. Special constables are unpaid volunteer police officers who have the same powers of arrest and wear the same uniform as regular officers.

Dorset Police is currently recruiting special constables and I would encourage anyone interested to 'be part of something more' to look at our website www.dorset.police.uk for more information on this unique voluntary role."

Members of the public can help protect themselves and their rural property from crime by following some simple crime prevention steps.

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BEAMINSTER WD/D/14/002934 Affects the setting of a Conservation Area Extension of existing garage and change of use to form holiday let South Lodge, Southgate
BRIDPORT WD/D/14/002825 Listed Building Replacement hanging sign 23 South Street
WD/D/14/002922 Conservation Area Listed Building Lining internally all external walls with Insulated Plasterboard with plaster finish 95 South Street
WD/D/14/003100 Listed Building Change of use from residential to office with removal of condition 2 of planning approval 1/W/87/609 not to restrict the office accommodation on the first floor by the users and occupiers of the ground floor 67 East Street
CHARMINSTER WD/D/14/003081 Conservation Area Replace rear conservatory with single storey extension 17 Herrison Road, Charlton Down
CHICKERELL WD/D/14/003182 The proposed development affects the setting of a Listed Building. Install a handrail from the Church Gate to Church St Marys Church, North Square
FROME ST QUINTIN WD/D/14/002878 Conservation Area Extension to bungalow and replacement roof to garage Westholme
WD/D/14/003175 Full planning application for point of connection cable route and DNO substation to pending planning application ref: WD/D/14/001307 Southern Counties Shooting Ground, Southern Counties Leisure, Long Ash Lane, Wardon Hill
KINGSTON RUSSELL WD/D/14/003046 Affects a Public Right of Way Erect first floor over the pool room Watergate, Lower Kingston Russell Cottages
LITTON CHENEY WD/D/14/003088 Conservation Area Conversion of redundant barn to a holiday cottage including two single storey extensions (amended design to the scheme approved under application WD/D/14/00841) Moxoms Yard, Chalk Pit Lane
LYME REGIS WD/D/14/002881 Conservation Area Demolish the existing lean-to single garage and replace with new garage of matching dimensions 15A Broad Street
WD/D/14/003059 Listed Building Re-painting of street elevation in Venetian red limewash 35 Sherborne Lane
WD/D/14/003105 The proposed development affects the setting of a Listed Building. Erection of additional dwelling and construct associated access. Removal of section of boundary wall within curtilage of Portland Lodge with variation of condition 7 of planning approval reference 1/D/12/00329 to allow occupation of the dwelling prior to provision of the garage and turning space Land Adjacent To Portland Lodge, Clappentail Lane
MARSHWOOD WD/D/14/003056 Affects a Public Right of Way Formation of new access to highway, access drive and hardstanding for parking. Installation of new sewage treatment plant and associated drainage works. Higher Sminhay Farm, Mutton Street
MOSTERTON WD/D/14/002887 Outline application for residential development off existing vehicular access Land At Whites Meadow
NETHERBURYWD/D/14/002960 Affects a Public Right of Way Change of use of agricultural barns to residential dwelling including alterations and proposed extension Lower Kershay Farm, Whithay Lane, Salwayash
RAMPISHAM WD/D/14/002974 The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement . Construction of a Photovoltaic Park with associated equipment including access and cable route. Land Adjacent Rampisham Down Transmitting Station
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Golden Acre Holiday Park, Mount Lane, Eype
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View 2

The ultimate leisure guide to Dorset

A VERY CHRISTMASSY CHRISTMAS SHOW!

Squashbox Theatre bring their fun-filled festive show to the Marine Theatre

See page 19

TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

upcoming gigs

Saturday 20 Dec
Lord Nelson, BRIDPORT
John De Barra

Re-Loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER 01305 257070
Bernardo playing vintage guitar
7pm. Free entry. Booking advised

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
1/2 Jack

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Cadence 9.30pm

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Sunday 21 Dec
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Howling Duo 4-6pm

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Wednesday 24 Dec
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Vinyl Monkeys 9.30pm

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Tom Toomey

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Friday 26 Dec
Hope & Anchor, BRIDPORT
John De Barra
8.30pm

Harbour Inn, LYME REGIS
Mr Jean
80s disco music
From 8pm.

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Saturday 27 Dec
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Perfect Strangers

SOUTHERN TENANT FOLK UNION COME TO THE MARINE THEATRE

ONE of the most highly acclaimed folk/bluegrass bands in the UK today, Southern Tenant Folk Union are about to release their sixth album (*The Chuck Norris Project*) and since starting out in 2006, have toured their exciting live show all over the UK, Ireland, Netherlands and Germany, and are heading to Lyme Regis in early 2015.

A six piece all acoustic band with banjo, mandolin, fiddle and harmony vocals, they perform an eclectic mix of high energy atmospheric folk and have received airplay from Bob Harris and Steve Lamacq on BBC Radio 2. Live appearances include BBC One TV (The Andrew Marr Show), RTE TV (The Late Late Show) & Radio 4's Loose Ends. Artistically successful, award winning and with an exciting live act worked around a single microphone, they have performed at Celtic Connections, Orkney Folk Festival, Belladrum and The Electric Picnic and now sellout arts centres across Europe.

Southern Tenant Folk Union play at the Marine Theatre on Friday, January 30th, doors open 7.15pm, with music from 8pm. Tickets are £13.50 or £12.50 concessions, and a TheatreFriends discount is available. For more details or to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138

Southern Tenant Folk Union

the venues

To advertise your live music call Rob Coombe on 01297 446146 or email rob.coombe@pemedia.co.uk

THE CROWN INN
WEST BAY ROAD, BRIDPORT
Saturday 20th December, from 9.30pm
THE CADENCE
Sunday 21st December, 4-6pm
HOWLING DUO
Wednesday 24th December, from 9.30pm
VINYL MONKEYS
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The Nag's Head
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Saturday 20th December
1/2 JACK
Wednesday 24th December
TOM TOOMEY
Saturday 27th December
THE PERFECT STRANGERS
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DORSET INSPIRES EXHIBITION BY LOCAL ARTISTS

A NEW exhibition opens at Dorset County Museum, Dorchester on Saturday, January 10th 2015.

Dorset: A Contemporary Response is the annual exhibition from Bournemouth Arts Club. The exhibition will be a display of high quality work bringing together members' individual responses to Dorset.

"We are really looking forward to this exhibition which has been inspired by how artists feel about the county of Dorset," said Jon Murden, Director of Dorset County Museum. "We anticipate a great variety in the work, but with the consistently high quality the club always demands."

The selection for the exhibition will be made by Dr Brian Graham, a highly respected Dorset artist fascinated by the past and inspired by Bronze Age and Neolithic archaeological sites.

Running alongside the main exhibition will be a smaller display of additional works by club artists. This will consist of sketch books, small dimensional pieces and smaller works on paper. Julie Herring, recent Curator of Art at Bournemouth University, is selecting these works which will be arranged to complement the main show.

Most of the pieces on display will be for sale and there should be something to suit even modest budgets. Of particular interest this year will be Postcards from Dorset - a display of postcard-sized works, one from each exhibiting artist, all of which will be for sale at the fixed price of just £30 each.

Other artworks will range in price from £50 to over £1000 with many on sale between £200 and £500.

The exhibition will run until 14 March 2015. The Museum also has a well-stocked gift shop and a popular tea room. For more information phone 01305 262735 or visit the website at www.dorsetcountymuseum.org

PETER PAN FLYS INTO BRIDPORT – SO HOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

HOT on the heels of their phenomenal success and record-breaking Christmas pantomime season in 2013, Reamba Professional Pantomimes announce the release of tickets for their professional pantomime production at The Electric Palace, Bridport, this Christmas season.

Flying into Bridport with *"Peter Pan"* a sensationally funny pantomime for all the family to enjoy. Without a doubt one of the best Pantomimes you will see for miles around. With spectacular scenery, sensational choreography, a magical and musical score with popular modern song choices throughout and some sensational flying sequences that your children will treasure for years to come.

Sarah Jayne, executive producer of Peter Pan said "With last year's tour of *Aladdin* receiving such an amazing response from audiences throughout the UK, we are so pleased to bring *Peter Pan* to Bridport this season. Together with amazing special effects and stunning flying sequences, this year's professional pantomime is guaranteed to delight family audience's in Bridport over the festive season. The use of flying sequences is always so popular with audiences, and we are delighted that audiences of Bridport will see the magical moments, right in front of their very eyes."

A must see production this Christmas, so "HOOK" your tickets today, and join Peter Pan, his fairy Tinkerbell, Wendy and her brothers that horrible Captain Hook and his wonderful sidekick Smee. With a full supporting cast of dancers and ensemble. Tickets sales are simply "flying" out.

Peter Pan runs at the The Electric Palace, Bridport from Wednesday, December 31st 2014 to Saturday, January 3rd 2015, with nightly perfomances at 12.30pm on Wednesday, and 2pm on Thursday to Saturday, as well as nightly performances at 6pm. Tickets, priced from £10, can be booked via Bridport TIC on 01308 424901 or online at www.reambapantos.co.uk. Family saver ticket options on selected performances. Alternative Booking Line: 01308 490818.

Free Christmas events at The Electric Palace

BRIDPORT'S Electric Palace is putting on free events this Christmas as a thank you to all the venue's loyal supporters.

This Thursday, December 18th, the Electric Palace will be screening the Christmas classic, It's A Wonderful Life. Doors open 6.30pm, film starts at 7.30pm - no need to book, just turn up to enjoy!

The following night, Friday, December 19th, the Electric Palace hosts the Glittery Christmas Ball. Entry is free and there will be free cocktails for the first 100 revellers. There will be DJ sets from Johnny Slut and DJB and Burlesque dancers. Doors open 7pm until late.

Father Christmas will be calling in to the Electric Palace from 11am to 1pm on Wednesday, December 16th, Saturday, December 20th and Christmas Eve. Entry is free and children can meet him and receive a gift. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness!

TO CELEBRATE the Christmas holidays in true festive style, the Marine Theatre brings cheer to young people and grown-up-kids alike with *The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness* on Sunday, December 21st. It's all in the title!

Squashbox Theatre – renowned for creating funny, friendly and informative productions for young people – presents a new show to celebrate everything Christmassy, from fir trees to fairy lights! Meet a snowman who lives in the fridge, try and spot some naughty elves, play hunt the brussel sprout, endure the world's worst Christmas jumper and gaze at the "beautiful" Christmas fairy...

Learn about Yuletide traditions old and new, hear the story of the first Christmas tree and even explore some festive science.

The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness! is an over-stuffed stocking of seasonal surprises crammed with puppets, songs, quizzes and comedy, and over-flowing with crazy characters, silly slapstick, tall tales and fantastic facts - all presented in that unique Squashbox style!

The show starts at 3pm on Sunday, December 21st at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis.

All tickets are £5 - to book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

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See you in the Stage Door Bar!

Sunday 21st December
THE CHRISTMASSY CHRISTMAS SHOW OF CHRISTMASSY CHRISTMASSNESS
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View 2 Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17TH

EYPE: West Dorset & Fine Arts Society Christmas Meeting at Highlands End Leisure Centre at 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH

WEYMOUTH: Salvation Army Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale, West Ham Road, from 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome. Every Thursday. For more details or enquiries call 01305 774244

LYME REGIS: Christmas Bingo at Woodmead Halls, 8pm.

DORCHESTER: Talk by Anne Wheatcroft on South Africa, a group tour. Anne ventured into South Africa with a tour group making it possible to get close to many exotic birds in and around Zululand and Kruger National Park. Talk at St George's Hall, Fordington, 7.45pm. Admission £3 for RSPB group members, £3.50 vistors, to include coffee and festive nibbles.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19TH

UPLYME: Christmas Whist Drive & Raffle at Uplyme Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. £4 per head, including refreshments. All proceeds to Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. We would love to see as many people as possible.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Christmas Party at the Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. For more details call 01297 444733.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Round Table presents Christmas Club Night at the Spice Centre. 80s, 90s and 00s music. 10.30pm-2am. Tickets from the Spice Centre or No. 35 Coffee House - £6 each. Ticket proceeds to charity.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20TH

LYME REGIS: Christmas Sewing and Craft Workshop at Sew La-Di-Da Vintage at the Town Mill. Two hour workshops from 9.30am-4pm. £15 per head. Book in advance by calling Caroline on 07974 489121.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The RNLI's annual Christmas Carols and Songs will take place in the West Bay Hotel from 7pm courtesy of Tess and Sam Good. A fun filled event to round off the year and to welcome Christmas. In addition to good music and song there will be light refreshments and a prize raffle. Ensure early arrival to obtain a seat.

BRADPOLE: Holy Trinity Church Bradpole invite you to celebrate Christmas at a Christingle Service at 11am. Children are invited to come and join in making Christingles which will be followed by a short service and party nibbles. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY DECEMBER 22ND

LYME REGIS: Christmas Bingo at Woodmead Halls, 8pm.

SATURDAY JANUARY 3RD

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs featuring "English Contra Dance Band" with caller Jane Thomas, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11.00pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door but numbers will be limited for comfortable dancing so better in advance for £7.50 from Bridport Music Shop and Jaxsons Delicatessen; or call to reserve with organiser Monty (on 01308 423442), from whom some complimentary tickets can be made available to first-timers by prior arrangement. See www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

TUESDAY JANUARY 6TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. Jake Winkle will be demonstrating his techniques in painting wildlife in watercolours. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Moviola presents 'Pride'. At Beaminster Public Hall. Doors opne 7pm, film from 7.30pm. Tickets available from Yarn Barton £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. For more details call 01308 861378.

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FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Nigel Clarke, Luftwaffe Aerial Photography of the 2nd World War, at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm.

New Elizabethan Singers' Spring Concerts in Lyme Regis and Bridport

THE New Elizabethan Singers will perform Brahms' "Ein deutsches Requiem" on consecutive Saturdays in February. "Ein deutsches Requiem" was Brahms' largest single work and his first work for chorus and orchestra. Deeply moving, profound and powerful, its status as one of the greatest monuments of choral music is unchallenged. It is meant primarily as a consolation for mourning survivors, but also contains much hope and blessing for the departed. The closing section of the sixth movement is among his grandest creations. The work was probably inspired by the death of his mother in 1865.

The first performance features a four-handed piano accompaniment and will be given in St. Michael the Archangel Church, Lyme Regis, on February 7th, starting at 6pm. The choir will be joined by two well known local soloists. Chloe Stratta (soprano) from Lyme Regis graduated from Manchester University in 2013 with a 1st in Music. Daniel Rudge (baritone) is originally from Colyton. He read music at Goldsmiths, University of London and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and has spent the past year singing with Glyndebourne Chorus and Garsington Opera.

Tickets (£8, under 18s free) will be available on the door.

The second performance will be in St Mary's Church, Bridport, on February 14th, starting at 7.30pm. This time the Singers will be accompanied by a full orchestra and joined by two professional soloists. Abbi Temple (soprano) has been a firm favourite with NES audiences for several years. Andrew Thompson (baritone) is a Lay Clark at the Chapel of St. George's, Windsor and is making his second visit to Bridport.

The choir will also sing Brahms' "Geistliches Lied" and selections from Bruckner's Motets, while the soloists will present their own favourites.

Tickets (£12, under 18s free) are available from Bridport Music and Goadsby, both in South Street, Bridport.

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Social club

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DUMB AND DUMBER TO 12A

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A LOOK at the relationship between the famous physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife.

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Cinema Listings

Friday, Dec 19th - Thurs, Dec 25th

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Paddington PG
Fri-Sun: 11.15, 12.45, 13.45, 15.00, 17.15, 18.15
Mon-Wed: 11.15, 12.45, 15.00, 17.15, 20.10
Tinker Bell and the Legend of the NeverBeast 12A
Fri, Sat, Mon, Wed: 10.15, 13.20
Sun: 10.15, 13.05, Tue: 10.15
Elf PG
Tue: 14.00, 16.20, 18.35
Wed: 13.45, 18.00
Penguins of Madagascar U
Fri-Wed: 11.30, 14.50
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 12A
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A preview of festive TV and Film by James Coles

LOOKING for something to idle away the time whilst you're letting all those turkey sandwiches and Christmas chocolates go down? Look no further. The usual offering of endless repeats, inane rubbish and, yes, a spattering of TV gold is here.

Starting with, as we often do in our *Festive View* TV guide, Doctor Who – Peter Capaldi is now and well truly established at the TARDIS controls but there are rumours aplenty that this year's Christmas special could see the final appearance of long-term companion Clara (Jenna Coleman).

'Last Christmas' (Christmas Day, BBC1, 6:15pm) also features Nick Frost as a slightly cheerless Santa and Michael Troughton (son of Second Doctor, Patrick) as an as yet unknown character – could it be that he's reprising his father's role?

What exactly happened to the Top Gear team in Argentina will finally be revealed in their two-part Patagonia Special on BBC2 (December 27th, 8:30pm; December 28th, 8pm). The trio were supposedly chased out of the country after the locals took exception to a number plate one of their vehicles was sporting...

Dr Who: Last Christmas features Peter Capaldi, in his first Christmas as the Time Lord, tackling Santa and deadly aliens at the North Pole.

Still Open All Hours Love is in the air this Christmas for Mavis

COMEDY

Last Christmas' Open All Hours comeback has resulted in the show being given a brand new series, which kicks off on Boxing Day (BBC1, 6:25pm). Love is in the air during this first episode when Mavis receives a special delivery and Granville plays matchmaker.

Miranda comes to an end with two final episodes showing Christmas Day (BBC1, 7:15pm) and New Year's Day (BBC1, 8pm), with the title character having to decide between Gary and Mike's proposal.

Also reaching a finale is Not Going Out, with Lucy and Lee's 'will-they-won't-they' storyline coming to a head on Christmas Eve (BBC1, 9:30pm).

The curtain falls on Ricky Gervais' Derek on December 22nd (Channel Four, 10pm) with an hour long special. Hannah's preparing for her wedding and Vicky's getting ready to fill her shoes at the care home.

Rapidly becoming a Christmas staple as much as Only Fools And Horses used to be, Mrs Brown's Boys returns with a pair of seasonal episodes on Christmas Day (BBC1, 10:05pm) and New Year's Day (BBC1, 9:35pm).

Vic and Bob's House Of Fools is back on December 28th (BBC2, 10pm). It's an even more farcical episode than usual involving a bobble hat, a jigsaw and a racist Santa.

Comedy legend Rik Mayall, who died in June, is celebrated in Lord Of Misrule (December 20th, BBC2, 10:05pm) with contributions from Ben Elton, Lenny Henry and Alexi Sayle. An episode of The Young Ones follows at 11:05pm.

Mrs Brown's Boys returns this Christmas Day and New Year's Day for two season episodes.

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DRAMA

The Beeb have lined some real acting royalty for their New Year's Day adaption of Esio Trot. The 90 minute dramatisation of Roald Dahl's 1990 book stars Dustin Hoffman and Dame Judi Dench. It's the story of retired bachelor Mr Hoppy (Hoffman) and his attempt to win the heart of his neighbour Mrs Silver (Dench) but the small matter of a tortoise gets in the way.

There's a Christmas visit to Downton Abbey on Christmas Day (ITV, 9pm) where a scandalous revelation looks set to ruin the shooting party.

In a feature-length Call The Midwife (Christmas Day, BBC1, 7:50pm) Patsy and Chummy try to help two expectant teenagers in a mother and baby home.

Miranda Richardson heads the cast in a three-part 1930s comedy of manners – Mapp and Lucia (beginning December 29th, BBC1, 9:05pm). Also starring Anna Chancellor and Steve Pemberton, this is a story of social rivalry between two women after one rents the other's home for summer.

Anne Reid and Derek Jacobi return in a third series of Last Tango In Halifax on December 28th (BBC1, 9pm), which see Alan and Celia settling into their married life.

Downton Abbey A scandalous revelation looks set to ruin the shooting party

101 Dalmations (1960) Disney animated classic where the evil Cruella De Vil kidnaps the puppies of Pongo and Perdita.

MOVIE PREMIERES

There are two Disney animated classics making their first appearance on terrestrial TV this Christmas, one of which has been waiting more than 60 years for that honour. When Cinderella (1950) was first shown in UK cinemas, there would only have been one TV channel – now there are literally hundreds. You can catch it on December 22nd (BBC1, 4pm), along with One Hundred and One Dalmatians (1960) on Christmas Eve (BBC1, 4:45pm).

Other premieres include Clint Eastwood as one OAP you wouldn't want to mess with in Gran Torino (December 21st, Channel 5, 9pm), Shrek spin-off Puss In Boots (Christmas Day, BBC1, 3:10pm) and Avengers Assemble (Boxing Day, BBC1, 8:30pm) where Marvel's finest team up to defeat Thor's evil brother Loki.

The Muppets comeback movie from 2011 gets its first terrestrial screening on December 29th (BBC1, 6:20pm), as does Christian Bale's second outing as the Caped Crusader in The Dark Knight on New Year's Day (ITV, 9pm).

Steven Spielberg's and Peter Jackson's Tintin collaboration is based on not one but three of the great Herge's stories, but it doesn't come across as much of a hodgepodge as it might have done. Judge for yourself when The Secret Of The Unicorn gets its premiere on New Year's Day (BBC1, 4:25pm). And keep your ear to the ground as to which book(s) will be the source for the film's inescapable sequel.

If you haven't seen it yet – and, if so, where have you been? – Daniel Craig's latest outing as James Bond comes to ITV on Christmas Eve. With less than 12 months before the release of Spectre, count the weeks with this first terrestrial screening of Skyfall (9pm).

Dustin Hoffman (also starring in the aforementioned Esio Trot the same day) made his directorial debut a couple of years ago with comedy drama Quartet. Starring Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins and Billy Connolly, this delightful little film about a group of opera singers living in retirement make its TV debut on New Year's Day (BBC2, 9pm).

Skyfall Daniel Craig's returns as James Bond looking to uncover a cyber-terrorist who has attacked MI6.

The Dark Knight Christian Bale's second outing as Gotham City's masked protector plots him against a new, menacing villain, the Joker.

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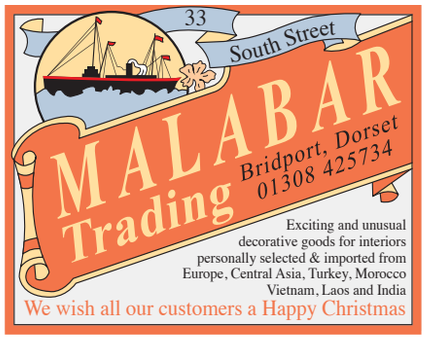

FESTIVE Quiz

Just for fun! Answers below

1. The Christmas favourite of 'Piggies in Blankets' is chipolata sausages wrapped in what?

2. Which of Santa's reindeer shares its name with a mythical god of love?

3. In the Christmas carol, which town is known as Royal David's City?

4. At which of her homes does the Queen traditionally spend Christmas?

5. Which alcoholic ingredient is used in a Snowball cocktail?

6. In the rhyme Christmas is coming, who is getting fat?

7. Feliz Navidad is Happy Christmas in which language?

8. How many Lords-a-leaping are there in 'The 12 Days of Christmas'?

9. In cockney rhyming slang what are 'eyes' called?

10. What was Mr Bean searching for when he got his head stuck in a turkey?

11. To what country did Hong Kong surrender on Christmas Day, 1941?

12. What alcoholic beverage is used in the English Christmas game called 'Snapdragon'?

13. What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word estincelle, meaning spark?

14. In 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', what were there eight of?

15. What are you eating if you are enjoying 'March Bread'?

16. Who was Scrooge's dead business partner in A Christmas Carol?

17. What animal is Snowball in George Orwell's Animal Farm?

18. Which record was a Christmas number one in 1975 and 1991?

19. In Victorian England who were popularly called robins because of their red uniforms?

20. Which pantomime character marries Alice Fitzwarren?

21. Which act besides the Beatles is the only other other act to have three consecutive Christmas number one singles?

22. In the film 'Jingle All The Way' name the toy Arnold Schwarzenegger was hunting?

23. In "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" why was The Grinch so mean?

24. If a person was given all the gifts in the song "The Twelve days of Christmas", how many gifts in total would they receive?

25. In The Simpsons' episode 'Miracle of Evergreen Terrace', how does Bart ruin Christmas?

26. In which city does Kevin Kevin McCallister get 'lost' in at Chrismas in Home Alone 2?

27. How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with 'D'?

28. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?

ANSWERS: 1: Bacon, **2:** Cupid, **3:** Bethlehem, **4:** Sandringham, **5:** Advocaat, **6:** The Goose, **7:** Spanish, **8:** 10, **9:** Mince Pies, **10:** His wrist watch, **11:** Japan, **12:** Brandy, **13:** Tinsel, **14:** Maids-a-milking, **15:** Marzipan, **16:** Jacob Marley, **17:** Pig, **18:** Bohemian Rhapsody, **19:** Postmen, **20:** Dick Whittington, **21:** Spice Girls, **22:** Turbo Man, **23:** His heart was two sizes too small, **24:** 364, **25:** by accidentally burning down the Christmas tree and all the presents, **26:** New York, **27:** Three - Dasher, Dancer and Donner **28:** Advent

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Mulled Wine

Preparation time Less than 30 mins
Cooking time Less than 10 mins
Serves 6

Ingredients
1 bottle red wine • 60g/2oz demerara sugar • 1 cinnamon stick grated nutmeg • 1 orange, halved • 1 dried bay leaf

Preparation method
1. Put the wine in a saucepan with the orange, sugar, bayleaf and the spices.
2. Heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Taste to see if you want the wine sweeter, and add more sugar to taste.
3. Off the heat, stir in the sloe or damson gin if you are using it.
4. Strain into heatproof glasses and serve at once.

Chocolate Orange Cocktail

Preparation time 15 mins
Cooking time 10 mins
Makes 4 x 75ml glasses

Ingredients
100g golden caster sugar • zest of 1 orange or clementine grated dark chocolate, to decorate • 100ml vodka
100ml crème de cacao • 60ml orange syrup
40ml orange juice • ice

Preparation method
1. First make an orange syrup. Combine 100ml water with the golden caster sugar and the orange or clementine zest in a pan and bring to the boil. Cool and strain the syrup.
2. Chill 4 coupé glasses, then dampen the rims with a little water and dip in the grated dark chocolate. In a cocktail shaker, shake the vodka, crème de cacao, orange syrup and orange juice with ice (you may need to make in 2 batches). Pour into the glasses.

Father Christmas cupcake

Preparation time 30 mins**Cooking time** 25 mins
Makes 12 cupcakes

Ingredients
For the Cupcake
200g Unrefined golden caster sugar
200g Butter (unsalted) softened • 3 eggs
200g Self-raising flour • 1tsp Vanilla extract

For the Father Christmas Topper
250g each of Sugar paste icing in red, chocolate, white & black • 60ml Water • Apricot Jam

Preparation method
1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan, gas mark 4) and line a 12 hole cupcake tin with cases.
2. Cream together the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, then add the eggs one by one mixing in well in betweenm then add the vanilla extract. Fold in the flour then spoon into the cases.
3. Place in the oven for 20-25 minutes or until golden and a skewer come out clean.
4. To make the father christmas cake topper, use the red sugar paste icing and roll out a ball about 5cm in diameter then flatten the base. Next roll out a sausage about 10cm long znd 1.5cm diameter for his arms and finally make a cone shape for his hat and squash the pointed end over to one side.
5. Take some of the white icing and a little of the red and roll them together until the red blends in to give you a pink colour for his head.
6. Next take some black icing and roll 2 small balls for eyes, 2 larger balls for his gloved hands and then roll out a little for a belt.
7. To assemble, use a little water to glue the black belt onto the red body. Next finish the arms by attaching the black hands to the ends of the red 'sausage' shape. Then roll out some of the white icing until is around the end of the arms for his cuffs, using some water to glue. Then cut the arms leaving a diagonal edge. Attach these using a little water, squashing the arms around the body.
8. Next make a small ball using the white icing for a pom pom and attach to the top of the hat.
9. To finish, cut a disc of white icing and cut out a small edged piece for his beard, and 2 smaller pieces for his moustache. Make a small ball using red icing for nose. The attach 2 small balls of white icing and small black icing balls for his eyes.
10. To decorate your cupcake, roll out some chocolate icing and cut into disc, place this on the cake using some warm apricot jam to stick. Then place the jolly father Christmas on top.

Christmas Pudding

Preparation time Overnight
Cooking time 2 hours

Ingredients
350g/12oz mixed dried fruit (raisins, currants, sultanas)
100g/3½oz pitted ready-to-eat prunes, chopped or left whole
100g/3½oz dark muscovado sugar • 4 tbsp dark rum
100ml/3½fl oz stout • 100g/3½oz chopped walnuts
100g/3½oz blanched almonds • 100g/3½oz ground almonds
100g/3½oz fresh white breadcrumbs • 50g/1¾oz plain flour
100g/3½oz frozen butter, grated, plus a little extra for greasing
½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg • 1 tsp ground cinnamon
2 tsp mixed spice • 100g/3½oz chopped glacé cherries (or left whole if you prefer) • 3 large free-range eggs, beaten

Preparation method
1. Combine the mixed fruit, prunes, muscovado sugar, rum and stout in a mixing bowl. Stir well to mix, cover and leave for 24 hours to soak.
2. After 24 hours, mix the walnuts, almonds, ground almonds, breadcrumbs, flour, butter, spices, cherries and eggs along with the soaked fruit mixture in a large mixing bowl, making sure you include all the soaking liquor from the soaked fruit. Mix well until completely combined (let all the members of the family have a stir and make a wish).
3. Cover with cling film and leave to stand in a cool place for 24 hours.
4. After 24 hours, grease a 1.2 litre/2 pint pudding basin with butter. Cut a circle of baking paper and place into the bottom of the pudding basin and then grease it with a little more butter. Pack the pudding mixture into the pudding basin, pressing as you add it. Fold a pleat into the middle of a large piece of baking paper and place over the pudding. Cover with a large piece of pleated foil, ensuring the pleats are on top of one another. Secure tightly with kitchen string tied under the lip of the pudding basin.
5. Place an upturned saucer into a large saucepan one-quarter full of water. Fold a long piece of foil into quarters lengthways to create a long strip and place the pudding basin in the middle of the strip. Bring the sides of the strip up the sides of the pudding basin and lower into the saucepan. Ensure the water in the saucepan comes one-third of the way up the side of the pudding basin, but nowhere near the top of the basin. Leave the ends of the foil strip hanging over the side to make it easy to remove the pudding later.
6. Bring the water to the boil and then reduce the heat to a gentle simmer. Simmer gently for 5-6 hours, topping up the water level as necessary throughout cooking (do not allow the pan to dry out).
7. Once the pudding is cooked, remove from the pan and set aside to cool. The pudding can be stored for up to two years in a cool, dry place. To serve, reheat the pudding by steaming again (in the same way) for two hours, or until hot all the way through. Alternatively, remove the foil and reheat in the microwave.

Egg Nog

Preparation time Less than 30 mins
Cooking time Less than 10 mins
Serves 4-6

Ingredients
1140ml/2 pints whole milk • 6 free-range eggs
50g/2oz caster sugar • 1 vanilla pod, split
20 fresh cherries, stones removed and halved
200ml/7fl oz brandy • cocoa powder, for dusting

Preparation method
1. Place the milk, eggs, sugar and vanilla pod in a medium pan and heat gently, without boiling, until the mixture thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon.
2. The egg nog can be chilled at this stage or served hot.
3. To serve, scatter the cherries in the bottom of each serving glass. Divide the brandy between the glasses and pour the egg nog over. Dust with cocoa powder and serve.

Mince Pies

Preparation time 30 mins to 1 hour
Cooking time 10 to 30 mins
Makes 12 pies

Ingredients
350g high quality mincemeat, preferably homemade
200g plain flour, sifted • 40g golden caster sugar
75g ground almonds • 125g unsalted butter, diced 1 large free-range egg, beaten • milk, to glaze

Preparation method
1. Lightly butter a 12-hole pie or patty tin. Tip the mincemeat into a bowl and stir so that the liquid is evenly distributed.
2. Place the flour, sugar, almonds and butter in a food processor and process briefly until resembling breadcrumbs, then slowly add the egg through the feeder tube.
3. Bring the mixture together with your hands, wrap in cling-film and chill for an hour or so. Thinly roll out the pastry on a floured surface. Cut out 12 circles with a fluted pastry cutter, large enough to fill the base of the prepared tin. Press gently into each hole, then fill with the mincemeat.
4. Cut out another 12 slightly smaller discs/shapes and use to cover the mincemeat. Press the edges together to seal. Make a small slit in the top of each, then brush lightly with milk. Chill for about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
5. Bake the pies for 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack and serve warm.

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The Snowman and The Snowdog
7.55pm Channel4

Animated sequel to *The Snowman*. A boy makes a snowman and snowdog that come to life.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast
Louise Minchin, Bill Turnbull
9.00 Snow Babies
Newborns in cold climes
10.00 Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas
Nigel creates a selection of festive dishes
11.00 WALL-E
Animated sci-fi comedy. On a deserted, polluted Earth, a waste collection robot falls in love with a droid and follows her into space.
12.30 Christmas of My Lifetime with Len Goodman
With Ricky Tomlinson, Ainsley Harriott, Julia Bradbury and Jennie Bond.
1.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
1.45 Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit
The duo are making money form their humane pest-control scheme, until a strange beast starts destroying local gardens.
3.05 Merry Madagascar
The animals deliver Santa's presents after he crash-lands on the island.
3.25 Shrek the Halls
Shrek settles down for a quiet Christmas with Fiona and the babies.
3.50 The Gruffalo's Child
Animated sequel. The Gruffalo's daughter ignores his warning about the big bad mouse.
4.15 On Angel Wings
In Michael Morpurgo's magical reworking of the Nativity, a former shepherd boy tells his grand-children how the Angel Gabriel helped him to be the first to visit the baby Jesus.
4.45 One Hundred and One Dalmatians
Disney's animated adventure. Cruella De Vil kidnaps the puppies of dalmatians Pongo and Perdita, to make into a coat.
6.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
6.25 Toy Story 3
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. Woody must rescue his friends after they're accidentally donated to a day-care centre.
8.00 Eastenders
Ian has a smile back on his face, but how long for?
8.30 The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm
Harry Hill stars in this comedy drama based on Norman Hunter's books. The Professor has a battle on his hands when a councillor tries to run him out of town for being a nuisance.
9.30 Not Going Out
10/10. Series 7. Lucy and Lee enter previously uncharted emotional waters.
10.15 The Vicar of Dibley
Alice suggests and unconventional Nativity play.
10.55 Mrs Brown's Boys
Buckin' Mammy. In this 2013 Christmas special, Anges finds the festive spirit lacking.
11.30 BBC News
Weather. Followed by National Lottery Update
11.45 Midnight Mass from Arundel Cathedral
A Roman Catholic mass live from Arundel, West Sussex.
1.05 Sliding Doors
Romantic fantasy comedy starring Gwyneth Paltrow.
2.40 Weather for the Week
2.45 BBC News

BBC2

6.10 The Crimson Wing
Wildlife documentary, narrated by Mariella Frostup.
7.20 Canterbury Cathedral
3/3. Canon Clare travels to York for the vote on women bishops.
8.20 One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing
Disney comedy starring Peter Ustinov. In the 1920s, a British aristocrat steals a secret microfilm from a Chinese warlord.
9.55 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
With former Doctor Who stars Colin Baker and Peter Purves.
10.55 Christmas Kitchen with James Martin.
The chef prepares a selection of festive recipes.
12.35 Torvill & Dean: the Perfect Day
The duo's Olympic gold medal-winning performance.
1.35 The Choir: New Military Wives
1/2. Gareth Malone forms a choir to perform at a First World War centenary Prom at the Royal Albert Hall.
2.35 Little Women
Period drama starring Winona Ryder, Claire Danes and Susan Sarandon. Four very different sisters grow up in mid-19th-century America.
4.25 To the Manor Born
In a one-off special from 2007, Audrey and Richard plan a party to celebrate 25 years of marriage.
5.25 Carols from King's
The traditional celebration from the chapel of King's College, Cambridge. The story of the Nativity is told in the worlds of the King James Bible, with poetry by Christina Rossetti and Nathanial Wanley and a soldier's letter ftp, the Front during the first Christmas of the Great War. 60 Years of Carols from King's is tomorrow 1.45pm. The very first broadcast from 1954 is at 7pm BBC4.
6.40 The Good Life
When I'm 65. Tom worries that he hasn't made any provision for old age. First shown in 1978.
7.10 Victoria Wood with all the Trimmings
In this comedy special, first aired on Christmas Day 2000, Victoria Wood mercilessly sends up seasonal television with the aid of an all-star cast.
8.00 Christmas University Challenge.
3/10. Former correspondent Martin Bell and Bishop David Walker are in the King's College, Cambridge quartet, while journalist Francis Wheen and MP Valerie Vaz join the Royal Holloway, University of London Foursome.
8.30 The Choir: New Military Wives.
2/2. When the singers meet the War Horse team with whom they will be sharing the stage, the planned repertoire forces them to confront their own vulnerability - and one of the wives makes a momentous decision.
9.30 Julie Walters: a Life on Screen
From her early partnership with Victoria Wood to her current status as undisputed national treasure, the multi award-winning actress, who is as adept at tragedy as comedy, has never lost the down-to-earth good sense that makes her universally loved. In this clip-filled tribute, Julie recalls some of the many diverse roles she has played.
10.30 Calendar Girls
Comedy drama based on a true story. Chris and Annie are best friends and members of the local Women's Institute. When Annie's husband dies from leukaemia, Chris suggest they and their fellow WI colleagues raises money for the local hospital by posing nude for a calendar.
12.15 Buster
Crime drama based on the life of Great Train Robber Buster Edwards, starring Phil Collins and Julie Walters. 1963: a small-time crook becomes part of a gang planning to rob a Royal Mail train.

ITV1

6.00 Good Morning Britain
8.30 Lorraine
Actor Ben Caplan guests.
9.25 All Stars
Comedy. When their community centre is threatened with closure, two friends put on a dance show in a effort to save it.
11.35 Horrid Henry: the Movie
Comedy. The naughty boy enters into an unholy alliance to save his school.
1.20 ITV News
Weather
1.35 Doc Martin
Aunt Joan keeps quiet about a rare bird nesting on her land, but Martin lets out the news. Christmas special first shown in 2006.
3.35 Off Their Rockers
Hidden-camera comedy with the senior citizens. Rosemary needs help to local her pet dog.
4.05 Santa Claus
Comedy starring Dudley Moore and John Lithgow. After creating havoc at the North Pole, Patch, one of santa's elves, heads for New York to make a name of himself. He soon teams up with BZ, a ruthless toy manufacturer.
6.15 You've Been Framed! At Christmas A child wrestles with a Christmas tree and the must-have gift is revealed - bubble wrap!
6.45 ITV News
Weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Cain intrigues Charity when PC Swirling arrives to discuss his missing car, while Bernice struggles with her emotions the day before Andy's wedding.
7.30 Coronation Street
Callum tries to tempt Kylie with cocaine, Lloyd discovers Jenna has been arrested in Spain, and Roy offers to run the soup kitchen from his café.
8.00 Skyfall
Daniel Craig returns as James Bond. When an operation to retrieve a computer hard drive containing the names of agents goes wrong, the authority of MI6 boss M comes under scrutiny. Her only ally seems to be Bond, who is assigned to track down the mastermind behind the theft. It's a mission that will reveal long-hidden secrets from M's and Bond's past.
10.45 ITV News
Weather
11.00 Christmas Carols on ITV
Aled Jones joins the congregation of St Mary's Church in Prestwich, Manchester, for a traditional candlelit Christmas Eve carol service. There are also performances from soprano Lucy Kay, Britains Got Talent winners Callabro, soulful singer Mica Paris, star of The Lion King Shaun Escoffery and Aled himself. The service includes Christmas prayers and readings from people within the local community and the Rev Chris Wedge.
12.00 Elizabeth: the Golden Age
Historical drama. Queen Elizabeth I is under pressure at both home and abroad to resolve the problem of her imprisoned Catholic cousin Mary.
2.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
2.50 Nightscreen
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

5.35 The Nativity Story
Drama starring Keisha Castle-Hughes, Oscar Isaac and Ciaran Hinds.
7.15 Olive, the Other Reindeer
Animation about a dog who sets off for the North Pole to save Christmas.
8.10 The Big Bang Theory
Double Bill.
9.05 The Simpsons
Double Bill
10.10 The Iron Giant
Animated sci-fi adventure. A boy is keen to befriend a robot when it falls out of the sky near his hime, but a government agent intervenes.
11.50 Father Christmas
Animation based on the book by Raymond Briggs and voiced by Mel Smith.
12.30 Big Miracle
Drew Barrymore stars as a conservationist trying to save a family of whales.
2.35 Channel 4 News
Sport; Weather
2.45 The Grinch
Comedy fantasy based on the book by Dr Seuss, starring Jim Carrey. It's Christmas in Whoville and preparations are under way, but up in his mountain lair the Grinch feels resentful of the Whovians' happiness.
4.50 The Muppet Christmas Carol
Comedy fantasy in which the inimitable puppets are joined by Michael Caine for their own special interpretation of the classic Dickens Christmas tale.
6.30 Hollyoaks
Set and John Paul's big day arrives.
7.25 Ice Age: a Mammoth Christmas
In a spin-off from the Ice Age films, Sid accidentally ruins one of Manny's Christmas traditions and is informed he is now on Santa's naughty list.
7.55 The Snowman and the Snowdog
A boy makes a snowman and a snow dog that magically come to life at the stroke of midnight and take him on a fantastic flying adventure to the North Pole.
8.30 My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas: Tinsel and Tiaras
From the bride-to-be planning her own spectacular Christmas-themed wedding to the Irish traveller family heading back to the Emerald Isle, here is a seasonal reminder that nobody does Christmas bling quite like Gypsies and travellers.
9.30 Gogglebox 2014
We'll all have our own ideas about what were the best TV moments over the past 12 months, but will the Gogglebox agree - and what will they thing go this compilation of their best bits?
11.05 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker
Alex Zane presents a selection of popular festive internet clips from around the world.
12.05 The Inbetweeners
1/6 Series 2. The lads go on what turns out to be an infamous field trip to Swanage
12.35 The Inbetweeners
2/6. Will has work experience at a garage.
1.05 The Inbetweeners
3/6. Will plans a dinner party for his birthday.
1.30 The Inbetweeners
4/6. The friends go clubbing in London.
1.55 Rare Exports from the Land of the Original Santa Claus
Fantasy starring Jorma Tommila and Onni Tommila. Santa Claus's tomb is unearthed in Lapland, just before local children begin disappearing.
3.20 Toys
Comedy fantasy starring Robin Willams, Michael Gambon and Joan Cusack.
5.20 Kirstie's Vintage Gems
Featuring sugar craft, perfume-making and Victorian-style silhouettes.
5.35 Small Animal Hospital
A collie suffering from breathing difficulties.

Channel5

6.00 Milkshake!
9.30 Gone with the Wind
Oscar-winning romantic drama based on Margaret Mitchell's epic novel, starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable.
1.50 The Adventures of Robin Hood
Classic adventure starring Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone and Olivia de Havilland. Robin Hood fights to protect the throne from Prince John.
3.50 Scrooge
Classic British version of Charles Dicken's Christmas tale. A tight-fisted businessman in visited by three ghosts who remind him of the true spirit of Christmas.
5.35 Michael Bublé's Christmas 2014
the star takes to the stage at New York's Radio City Music Hall for his annual festive show.
6.30 My Big Xmas Benefits Blow-Out
4/4 Series 2. Christmas for people living on state welfare, including a woman struggling to buy gifts for her eight children, and two friends who rummage through shops' bins.
7.20 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights
Following four households as they transform their homes into electric winter wonderlands with extensive displays of festive illuminations.
8.25 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
The comedian throws a party for the canine stars of the previous series. After being abandoned, staffie Tyson is looking for a home, while Casey the husky is hoping for a new life doing what huskies do best.
9.30 Greatest Ever Christmas Movies
Classics such as White Christmas and It's a Wonderful Life, plus more recent flicks including Bad Santa and Elf, all feature in this countdown. Aled Jones reveals that he only saw The Snowman for the first time when he was in his thirties, while the stars of Gremlins and Miracle on 34th Street recall their filming experiences.
12.30 Scrooge
Colourised version of the classic film.
2.15 SuperCasino
Live gaming
3.10 Crazy Christmas Compulsives
Taking festive revelry to the extreme.
4.00 House Doctor
An East Sussex cottage.
4.25 House Doctor
A property in Crieff, Perthshire.
4.45 House Doctor
A converted chapel in Yeovil, Somerset.
5.10 House Doctor
A London property.
5.35 Wildlife SOS

FESTIVE Television

Thursday, December 25th

The Queen BBC1 3.00pm

Her Majesty's Christmas Day address to the nation and the Commonwealth

Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out

12pm BBC1

Wallace and Gromit spend a bank holiday by building a homemade rocket to the Moon to sample cheese.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast With Bill Turnbull.
9.00 The Gruffalo Enchanting animation.
9.30 On Angel Wings
Magical reworking of the Nativity.
10.00 LIVE Come and Join the Celebration
A service from St Georges Church in Leeds, including a mix of popular carols and contemporary songs.
11.00 Only Fools and Horses
Christmas special from 1986. Rodney dates an aristocrat's daughter.
12.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out
The animated duo take a trip to the Moon.
12.25 Gnomeo & Juliet
Animated romantic tale voiced by James McAvoy and Emily Blunt.
1.40 Shaun the Sheep
1.50 News; Weather
2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas
With Ed Sheeran, Clean Bandit, Ella Henderson, McBusted and Take That.
3.00 The Queen
Her Majesty's address to the nation and the Commonwealth.
3.10 Puss in Boots
Animated comedy featuring the voices of Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek. The dashing mPuss in Boots embarks on a quest for magic beans and a goose that lays golden eggs.
4.40 BBC News
Weather
5.00 Strictly Come Dancing
Bruce Forsyth is back with co-host Tess Daly as six contestants from past series - Chris Hollins, Louis Smith, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Rachel Stevens, Russell Grant and Lisa Riley - battle it out in a panto-themed special.
6.15 Doctor Who
Last Christmas. Under attack on an Arctic base, the Doctor and Clara appear to be facing their doom. Will Santa offer the gift of salvation? Nick Frost and Michael Troughton guest-star.
7.15 Miranda
I Do, but to Who? The first of two final episodes, which pick up with Miranda deciding whether to accept Gary or Mike's proposal.
7.50 Call the Midwife
Chummy and Patsy try to help two pregnant teenagers in a mother and baby home.
9.00 EastEnders
An eerie message among the family Christmas presents is unwrapped by the Beales.
10.05 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Tickled Pink. In the first of two festive episodes, Rory is going under the knife.
10.40 Michael McIntyre's Very Christmassy Christmas Show
Fun and games with Jamie Oliven Robbie Williams, Mrs Brown, Barbara Windsor Rob Brydon and Jamie Cullum.
11.40 BBC News
Weather
11.55 On Christmas Night
Adjoa Andoh reflects on the role of the mother of Jesus on this day.
12.00 Not Going Out
Keen to impress over Christmas, Lee invites Lucy's parents to join them.
12.45 Would I Lie to You? at Christmas
With Ricky Tomlinson, Ray Winstone, Josh Widdicombe and Rachel Riley.
1.15 George Michael at the Palais Gamien Paris
The singer/songwriter introduces a 2012 concert.
2.15 The Heartbreak Kid
Romantic comedy starring Ben Stiller and Michelle Monaghan.
4.05 Skiing Weathervlew
4.10 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas
Animated adventure featuring the voice of Brad Pitt.
7.15 Short Circuit
Fantasy comedy starring Ally Sheedy and Steve Guttenberg. A robot comes to life.
8.50 Pollyanna
Drama starring Hayley Mills. An orphan's optimistic, cheerful outlook begins to lift a staid, depressed community out of the doldrums.
11.00 Carols from King's
Celebration from the chapel of King's College, Cambridge.
12.15 To the Manor Born
From Christmas 1979
12.45 The Choir: New Military Wives
Meeting the War Horse team.
1.45 60 Years of Carols from King's
The evolution of the choral service since first being televised in 1954.
2.45 Kiss Me, Kate at the Proms
Cole Porter's musical take on Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew.
5.00 The Queen
Her Majesty's annual address.
5.10 James May's Toy Stories: Action Man at the Speed of Sound
The Top Gear presenter attempts to propel an Action Man through the sound barrien settling on an experimental supersonic vehicle madem entirely from scratch - but will arch-rival Sindy beat the macho toy to it?
6.15 Morecambe and Wise in Pieces: the Sketches
Penelope Keith introduces a compilation of some of Eric and Ernie's most memorable sketches.
7.15 Christmas University Challenge
4/10. The University of Edinburgh team includes writer Philippa Gregory, while the University of Leeds boasts journalist James Mates and broadcaster Jacqui Oatley.
7.45 Dad's Army
For the Love of Three Oranges. Mainwaring finds himself bidding against Pike for an orange.
8.30 Blackadder's Christmas Carol
The kindly Ebenezer Blackadder receives a visit from his loathsome ancestors in this special from 1988.
9.00 Tim Rice: a Life in Song
Michael Grade hosts a celebration of one of the country's most successful musical lyricists, with Gemma Arterton, Roger Daltrey, James Fox, Sophie Ellis-Bexton Tim Minchin, Laura Mvula and Rufus Wainwright performing his songs - and collaborator Andrew Lloyd Webber paying tribute.
10.30 QI
Host Stephen Fry is joined by Star Wars actress Carrie Fisher plus Bill Bailey, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies.
11.00 Marvellous
This fact-based drama tells the inspirational story of Neil Baldwin, a lad from the Potteries who refuses to accept the label of "learning difficulties" and goes on to lead an extraordinary life, working as a circus clown and as a kit man for Stoke City football club.
12.30 The Producers
Musical comedy remake starring Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick and Uma Thurman.

ITV1

6.00 CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
New series. Aled Jones chats with Status Quo and Downtons Matt Barber
9.25 Vallant
Animated comedy adventure about a heroic wartime homing pigeon.
10.55 Back to the Future
Time-travel comedy adventure starring Michael J Fox.
1.10 Nanny McPhee
Emma Thompson plays the magical nanny who sorts out a Victorian family.
3.00 The Queen Her Majesty's address.
3.10 The Queen's Garden
Alan Titchmarsh gains rare access to the grounds of Buckingham Palace. He starts by venturing into the wildest areas.
4.10 ITV News Weather
4.20 Elf: Buddy's Musical Chrlstmas
Stop-motion animation based on the film Elf. Buddy meets the father he never knew he had.
5.20 New You've Been Framed! At Christmas
Clips curated by Harry Hill include a photo-bombing reindeer and an exploding chimney.
5.50 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas
Paul returns to Battersea, on a mission to place dogs in new homes before Christmas. Among them is a tiny chihuahua with a big personality.
6.50 ITV News
Weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Andy and Katie's wedding day dawns. Cain tries to cover his odd behaviour
8.00 Coronation Street
Steve pulls out all thefestive stops. Is Kylie about to lose everything?
9.00 Downton Abbey
A scandalous secret and a butler with an axe to grind threaten to undermine the gentility of a shooting party. Bates takes drastic measures to clear Anna's name.
11.00 ITV News
Weather
11.15 You've Got to Love Christmas
A comic take on the joys and pitfalls of the season.
12.15 Christmas Cards on ITV
1.15 Murder; She Wrote
2.45 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05-6.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.00 The Ugly Duckling and Me
Animated comedy inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen tale.
7.30 Prep & Landing Award-winning animation.
7.55 Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice
8.20 Father Christmas Raymond Briggs animation.
8.55 Animals United
Animated adventure with James Corden and Stephen Fry.
10.45 The Simpsons Triple bill.
12.15 Ice Age: a Mammoth Christmas
12.45 The Snowman
Another outing for the atmospheric and poignant animation.
1.20 The Snowman and the Snowdog
Animated sequel to The Snowman.
1.50 The Alternative Christmas Message
Channel 4's counterpoint to the Queen's broadcast.
2.05 Scrooged
Comedy. Network president Frank Cross is a man who hates Christmas and plans to exploit the holidays to attract as many viewers
as possible. However Frank is about to be visitedby three unconventional ghosts who will attempt to make him change his mean-spirited ways.
4.00 Big
Comedy. Twelve-year-old Josh Baskin wishes that he could be "big". The next morning he is astonished to find himself fully grown. However he soon learns that being a grown-up is not all that it is cracked up to be.
6.00 Arthur Christmas
Animated adventure. Santa's job of getting all the presents to all the children all in one night is an operation that requires military precision. But when a glitch in the system means that a little girl is not going to get her new bike, it falls to Santa's clumsy son Arthur to make sure she isn't disappointed.
8.00 Frozen at Christmas
Disney's Frozen has become the highest-grossing animated film in the history of the genre. This examination of the cultural phenomenon features interviews with the movie's creators, but also explores the obsession exhibited by its fans.
9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man
An extravaganza of light-hearted chat and music sees Sir Terry Wogan, Sarah Millican, Emma Willis and Dan Stevens joining Alan on the sofa. All of them will be sampling titbits from chef Gino D'Acampo and enjoying musical interludes from Sam Smith, George Ezra and McBusted.
11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats
With guests Freddie Flintoff, Ricky Wilson, Stevi Ritchie and Roisin Conaty. Jimmy Carr hosts.
12.00 Father Ted Christmas special.
A lingerie-related embarrassment is averted by Ted's quick thinking.
1.05 Father Ted
Series 2 1/10. The priests go on holiday.
1.35 Father Ted
Series 2 2/10. The Craggy Island clerics organise a raffle.
2.00 Father Ted
Series 2 3/10. A religious relic is upgraded
2.30 Crazy Heart
Music drama starring Jeff E Bridges and Maggie Gyllenhaal. Former country star Bad Blake's self-destructive lifestyle has reduced him to playing bowling-alley gigs when he meets journalist Jean Craddock. Can Blake leave the bad habits behind to be worthy of her love?
4.25 Secret Eaters
Couple Kelli and Tracey attempt to slim down before their wedding day.
5.20 Small Animal Hospital
A horse with hoof problems is taken to the vets.

Channel5

6.00 Milkshake!
9.10 Access
Shobiz news
9.20 André Rleu: Christmas around the World
A concert by the violinist, featuring renditions of White Christmas, Hallelujah and Jingle Bells.
10.20 Scrooge
Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, starring Albert Finney, Alec Guinness, Edith Evans and Kenneth More.
12.35 The Sound of Music - Live!
Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical starring Carrie Underwood.
3.25 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Musical fantasy. An inventor restores a clapped-out racing car with the help of his eccentric father and two children. They christen it Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and, to their surprise, the vehicle turns out to have magical powers.
6.10 Michael Bublé's Christmas Songbook
The singer wraps his vocal cords around a collection of festive favourites that would make even Scrooge hum along. Duetting with Michael are Rod Stewart, Blake Shelton, Carly Rae Jepsen and (thanks to some digital magic) Bing Crosby.
7.05 Chas & Dave's Knees Up!
A seasonal shindig from 1982, with guests including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Cricket, Jim Davidson, Albert Lee and Lennie Peters joining the cockney duo.
8.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs
Even cynics who dismiss seasonal songs as festive cheese should find something to enjoy, as some of the best-known festive tunes are recalled. Featured hits include the Jackson 5's Santa Claus Is Coming to Town; Mud's Lonely This Christmas; Jona Lewie's Stop the Cavalry; and, of course, Fairytale of New York by the Pogues with Kirsty MacColl.
11.05 Muriel's Wedding
Comedy drama. Deciding to escape her dysfunctional family and her small-town life, Muriel Heslop takes advantage of a blank cheque and heads off in search of adventure.
1.15 ABBA: Live In Concert
A 1979 performance by the Swedish quartet.
2.25 Super Casino
Live interactive gaming
3.10 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
A staffie that has been literally left on a scrapheap.
4.00 House Doctor
Creating the illusion of space in Headcorn, Kent.
4.25 House Doctor
A garden flat in London's Kensal Green gets a makeover
4.50 Wildlife
5.10 House Doctor
In Derbyshire.
5.35 Wildlife

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FESTIVE Television

Friday, December 26th

Still Open All Hours BBC1 6.25pm

David Jason returns as Granville, who is still running the shop he inherited from his uncle.

Match of the Day

11pm **BBC1**

Highlights of all today's Premier League games, which include the London derby, top of the table clash between Chelsea and West Ham.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast
With Sally Nugent.
9.00 Pinocchio
Disney's animated classic. An elderly woodcarver Geppetto longs for a child of his own. One day a fairy grants his wish and one of his wooden puppets comes to life.
10.25 CBeebies Peter Pan
Musical adaptation.
11.05 Room on the Broom
Animation based on Julia Donaldson's book.
11.30 Cool Runnings
Comedy based on a true story, starring John Candy. A Jamaican sprinter forms his country's first bobsleigh team.
1.05 BBC News
Weather; Regional News
1.25 The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm
Comedy drama starring Harry Hill.
2.20 My Family
A look forward to the Harper family Christmas in the year 2039.
3.15 Monsters, lnc
Animated comedy with the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal. The lives of two monsters, who work gathering the screams of children, are changed for ever when an unafraid little girl accidentally follows them home.
4.40 The Pirates! in an Adventure wlth Scientists!
Animated comedy adventure. Pirate Captain sets out to win the Pirate of the Year competition against his more impressive rivals.
6.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
6.25 Still Open All Hours
New serles. 1/6. After last year's special, David Jason returns as Granville, who is still running the shop he inherited from his uncle. Love is in the air when Mavis receives a special delivery and Granville starts to play matchmaker.
6.55 The Boy in the Dress
Comedy drama based on David Walliams's children's book. Schoolboy Dennis feels at odds with the world, but a fashion magazine opens a window onto a new way of being himself.
8.00 EastEnders
The fallout continues for the Carters.
8.30 Marvel Avengers Assemble
Action fantasy. When powerful energy source the Tesseract is stolen from a SHIELD base by Thor's brother Loki, the agency's director Nick Fury decides it's time for the Earth's mightiest heroes -including lron Man, Captain America and Thor himself - to band together and save the planet. But getting the disparate individuals to gel as a team becomes crucial as Loki is plotting an alien invasion.
10.40 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
11.00 Match of the Day
Highlights of all of today's Premier League games, which included two London derbies, Chelsea v WestHam United and Arsenal v Queens Park Rangers.
12.35 EastEnders Omnibus.
3.30 Weather for the Week Ahead
3.35 BBC News

BBC2

6.10 The Road to El Dorado
Animated adventure. Two small-time Spanish tricksters get their hands on a map to El Dorado.
7.30 College Road Trip
Comedy starring Martin E Lawrence and Raven-Symoné. A disastrous road trip ensues.
8.50 Queen of Tigers: Natural World Special
9.50 Ten Pieces
An introduction to classical music.
10.40 60 Years of Carols from King's
The history of the annual choral service.
11.40 On the Town
Classic musical starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Three sailors on leave in New York are itching for female companionship.
1.15pm Gene Kelly Talking Pictures
A profile.
1.50 Singin' in the Rain
Musical starring Gene Kelly. Silent film stars attempt to cope with the coming of sound.
3.30pm Victoria Wood: That Musical We Made
The comedian charts the creation of That Day We Sang, which she wrote and directed, explaining the inspiration for the story. The musical is on at 9pm.
4.30 Final Score
A round-up of the day's results.
5.25 War Horse at the Proms
This musical adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's much-loved tale sees Joey the horse, the National Theatre ensemble and the astonishing Handspring puppets move from the South Ban to the Royal Albert Hall. Here, they join forces with Gareth Malone's Proms Military Wives Choir the Concert Orchestra and the Cambiata Choir North West, plus David Charles Abell, Eser Ebcin, Tim van Eyken and Duncan Rock. Simon Russell Beale goes behind the scenes as the production - which feature music by Adrian Sutton as well as Holst, Elgar and Ravel -takes shape at rehearsals
6.45 Christmas University Challenge
5/10. Trinity Hall, Cambridge, with actor Dan Stark and Olympic gold medallist Tom James, take on a Balliol College, Oxford team that includes writer Charlotte Higgins and MP Sir Alan Beith.
7.15 The Two Ronnies: Christmas Show
A compilation of the best sketches from the comedy duo's festive shows from 1979 to 1982.
8.00 Victoria Wood's Midlife Christmas
The comedian's special from five years ago, featurin highlights from the Midlife Olympics 2009 and thepopular costume drama Lark Pies to Cranchesterford
9.00 That Day We Sang
Victoria Wood's TV adaptation of her hit music set in Manchester in 1929 and 1969. When middle aged loners Tubby and Enid attend a reunion of the choir in which they sang as children, the music evokes powerful memories, leading them to realise they still have a chance to find happiness.
10.30 Hunky Dory
Comedy drama. Swansea, 1976: a drama teacher attempts to stir her class into mounting a rock opera version of Shakespeare's The Tempest.
12.15 The Winslow Boy
Adaptation of Terence Rattigan's period drama, starring Nigel Hawthorne, Jeremy Northam and Rebecca Pidgeon. A man sets out to clear his son's name when he is accused of theft.

ITV1

6.00 CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
Aled Jones welcomes Jamie Cullum, Claire King and Ben Caplan.
9.25 Dinner Date: Australia
With a father-of-two.
10.25 Celebrlty Squares
11.25 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas
A feisty chihuahua.
12.30 ITV News
weather
12.45 The Chase: Christmas Special
1.45 Back to the Future Part II
Comedy adventure starring Michael J Fox. Marty McFly is whisked to 2015 to prevent a crime.
3.45 Off Their Rockers
Velma gets racy in a photo booth.
4.15 Downton Abbey
A desperate Bates takes drastic measures to clear Anna's name.
6.15 ITV News
weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Jai spots the man who sold him Archie.
7.00 Coronation Street
As Gary resorts to desperate measures, David's news shocks the street.
8.00 A Christmas Cracker
The Muppets fly in from America to join host Bradley Walsh for this entertainment show at London's Hammersmith Apollo. Katherine Jenkins adds some sparkle to proceedings, performing a duet with Kermit, there's comedy from Pub Landlord Al Murray and a routine from Cirque du Soleil. Dance act Flawless take to the stage, as do the cast of hit West End musical Irving Ber/ins White Christmas and pop band the Vamps.
9.00 Birds of a Feather
New series. 1/8 Series 2. Birds on a Plane. Dorien treats Sharon and Tracey to a holiday in the Canaries, but with Tracey scared of flying and Dorien on the lookout for anything in trousers, will it be plane sailing?
9.30 Through the Christmas Keyhole
Keith Lemon goes for a festive rummage around mcelebrity abodes as Jonathan Ross, Louis Walsh and Kym Marsh try to work out where he's been
10.30 ITV News
Weather
10.45 Out of Sight
Romantic crime drama. A career bank robber falls for a US Marshal.
12.50am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.45-6.00 Nightscreen
Text information.

Channel4

5.50am Flicka
Drama starring Alison Lohman. A teenager tries to train a wild mustang.
7.25 The Bear
Raymond Briggs animation.
7.55 The Morning Line
A preview of today's races
9.00 The Big Bang Theory
Double bill.
9.55 Inspector Gadget
Comedy action adventure starring Matthew Broderick and Rupert Everett. 11.30 Dr Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! Animation featuring the voice of Jim Carrey. An melephant discovers a world in danger.
1.15 LIVE Racing
The King George VI Chase at 3.10 is the feature race at Kempton Park, other starts are at 1.25, 2.00 and 2.35. Plus the 1.40 from Wetherby. Chepstow and Kempton Park action tomorrow 1.00pm
3.50pm Turner & Hooch
Comedy. A small-town detective, obsessed with tidiness, finds his orderly life thrown into chaos when he teams up with a flea-ridden canine who is the only witness to a murder
5.50 Channel 4 News;
Sport; Weather
6.00 The Simpsons
The Fight before Christmas. Bart plans to hold Santa Claus hostage.
6.30 Hollyoaks
Nancy is left with a difficult decision to make.
7.00 Agents of SHIELD
10/22 Series 2. What They Become. As Skye uncovers old secrets, Coulson and Whitehall's forces meet in an explosive confrontation.
8.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Ben Stiller
Survivalist Bear Grylls takes the comedy actor into the wilds of Scotland for a 48-hour trek that will push both mind and body to the limit. Beginning on the shores of Loch Harport on the Isle of Skye, the pair must scramble over cliffs, descend into a vast cave and pull themselves straight up a sheer rock wall, before leaping 40ft into the north Atlantic and swimming to safety.
9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Jimmy Carr challenges Richard Ayoade, David Mitchell, Mel B, Micky Flanagan, Sarah Millican and Kevin Bridges on their knowledge of the past yean Michael Palin, Rio Ferdinand, the cast of The lnbetweeners and Lily Allen will also be joining in the fun.
11.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man
An extravaganza of light-hearted chat with Sir Terry Wogan, Sarah Millican, Dan Stevens, Emma Willis and Gino D'Acampo. Sam Smith, George Ezra and McBusted provide the music.
1.05 Legend
Fantasy adventure starring Tom Cruise and Tim Curry. In a magical world, a princess is captured by the Lord of Darkness. lt is up to a young peasant called Jack to rescue her.
2.45 Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
Oscar-winning western comedy drama starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford as the eponymous outlaw heroes. Their most audacious plan yet is for a robbery of the Union Pacific railroad, but the authorities have a surprise in store.
4.35 Small Animal Hospital
A dog with heart problems requires a hi-tech solution.
5.00 Small Animal Hospital
A labrador makes life hard for the vets.

Channel5

6.00 Milkshake!
9.55 Access
Showbiz news.
10.05 Carry On Constable
Comedy starring Sidney James. Four inept policemen cause chaos.
11.45 Carry On Teacher
Comedy starring Ted Ray. School children showcase their best misbehaviour
1.30 Carry On Nurse
Comedy starring Kenneth Connor Nurses cope with amorous patients.
3.15 The Ladykillers
Black Ealing comedy. A gang finds its plans for a robbery hindered by an eccentric, elderly landlady.
5.00 A Shot In the Dark
Comedy sequel to The Pink Panther. The tragic news of a murder isfollowed by even worse tidings: the bumbling Inspector Clouseau is on the case.
7.05 Rob Brydon Live
You can always expect the unexpected from the versatile Welshman - as the anecdotes, impersonations and fast-paced humour recorded on this,mhis sell-out tour of 2009, go to show.
8.00 Morecambe & Wise Live! 1973
Fans of Eric and Ern won't want to miss this chance to see the only stage performance by the comedy duo to be fully captured on camera from Croydon's Fairfield Halls.
9.25 Tommy Cooper's Christmas Special
Classic skits and sketches from 1974, as the comedy magician welcomes Eurovision Song Contest 1970 winner Dana, American crooner Vic Damone and French puppeteer André Tahon.
10.25 Carry On Christmas
Sid James stars as Scrooge in this 1969 comedy hatchet job on A Christmas Carol. With Terry Scott, Hattie Jacques, Frankie Howerd and many of the Carry On regulars.
11.30 Greatest Ever Carry On Films
Sid James's cackle and Babs Windsor's flying bikini feature in this rundown of the nation's favourite Carry On films.
12.35 Carry On Spying
Spy spoof starring Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windsor. Four incompetent secret agents set out to recover a stolen formula.
2.20 SuperCaslno
Live gaming.
3.10 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights
Extensive illuminations.
4.00 Great Scientists Aristotle.
4.25 House Doctor
Triple bill.
5.35- Wildlife SOS
The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary

FESTIVE Television

Saturday, December 27th

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1

ITV1 7.00pm

Harry, Ron & Hermione seek to finally destroy the source of Voldemort's powers

Bruce's Hall of Fame

8.30pm BBC1

Bruce Forsyth hosts a celebration of showbiz heroes past and present from the London Palladium.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast
Jon Kay, Naga Munchetty.
8.25 Match of the Day
10.00 Saturday Kitchen
James Martin is joined by Ben Tish, Jason Atherton and Thomasina Miers.
11.30 Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers
The cook whips up meals using seasonal produce.
12.00 BBC News
weather
12.10 Football Focus
With Dan Walker
12.50 Saturday Sportsday
A preview of the day's events.
1.00 Lewis Hamilton: Duel of the Silver Arrows 2014
Suzi Perry, Eddie Jordan and David Coulthard look back at the 2014 Formula one season, which was dominated by Mercedes drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg
2.10 Sport Relief: The Final Score
A look back at the 2014 charity event, which featured an Only Fools and Horses special and a celebrity sporting contest captained by John Bishop and Sebastian Coe.
3.10 How to Train Your Dragon
Animated adventure. A teenage Viking boy rebels against his tribe and forms a special bond with a dragon.
4.40 Kung Fu Panda 2
Animated comedy adventure sequel, featuring the voice of Jack Black. Kung fu master Po must learn the truth about his childhood.
6.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
6.20 Celebrity Mastermind
4/10. With Andy Day, Ann Cleeves, Robert Peston and Tom Rosenthal. Continues tomorrow 6pm.
6.50 Pointless Celebrities
With comedians Ronni Ancona and Alistair McGowan, Robert Webb and Richard Herring, Hal Cruttenden and Dave Spikey, and Milton Jones and Roisin Conaty.
7.40 The Natlond Lottery: Win Your Wish List
New series. 1/8. Contestants try to win their dream prizes. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
8.30 Bruce's Hall of Fame
Bruce Forsyth hosts a celebration of showbiz heroes past and present from the London Palladium. He's joined by Jessie Wallace, Alfie Boe, Jason Manford, Ben Millen Jon Culshaw and Jamie Cullum as they perform songs and sketches to share their love of the artists who inspired them. Bruce also duets with Jamie Cullum in a rendition of Nat King Cole's Make Someone Happy.
9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Tickled Plnk. Cathy is keeping a secret from Agnes.
10.15 BBC News
Weather
10.35 Live at the Apollo
5/6 Series 10. Hal Cruttenden introduces sets by Justin Moorhouse and Tom Stade.
11.05 Not Going Outtakes
The bits you've not been allowed to see.
11.35 Not Going Out
10/10 Series 7 Lee ends up out on the town with his dad.
12.20 The Hot Chick
Gender-bender comedy starring Rob Schneider and Anna Faris.
2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.05 BBC News

BBC2

6.10 Natural World: Animal House
David Attenborough investigates animal architects.
7.10 Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo
Third comedy in the Love Bug series, starring Dean Jones.
8.50 Ensign Pulver
Second World War comedy drama Starring Robert Walker Jn, Burl Ives and Walter Matthau.
10.30 TOTP2: Christmas
Mark Radcliffe with a festive selection from the archives.
12.00 The Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure
Dave and Si King visit street-food stalls in Hong Kong.
1.00 The Cheyenn Social Club
Comedy western starring James Stewart and Henry Fonda.
2.40 Yes Minister
The Prime Minister announces his retirement, causing a mad scramblefor his job. Christmas special from 1984.
3.45 The Eagle Has Landed
Second World War adventure starring Michael Caine. In November 1943, the military authorities in Berlin receive a simple message, "The Eagle Has Landed". It is the start of a daring attempt by a small force of crack German paratroopers to kidnap the British prime minister: Winston Churchill. Colonel Kurt Steiner Mlcliaeltalne Heinrich Himmler Donald Pleasenoe Liam Devlin Donald Sutherland Admiral Wilhelm Canaris Anthony Quayle
5.55 Dad's Army
Comedy adapted from the TV sitcom, starring Arthur Lowe. In 1940, with a German invasion threatened, the defence of Walmington-on-Sea is in the hands of Captain Mainwaring, the bank manager and a motley collection of townspeople, who make up the Local Defence Volunteers.
7.30 Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow
1/2. The presenter joins a team of historians land geologists to re-create the pioneering 280-mile journey undertaken along the Colorado river by explorer John Wesley Powell in 1869.
8.30 Top Gear Patagonia Special
1/2. In arguably their most audacious quest yet, Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May take a trio of used sports cars ~ a Porsche 928, a Lotus Esprit and a Ford Mustang - on a gruelling road trip covering 1,600 miles through Argentina's Patagonia region. Their destination is the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia, where they hope to stage a game of car football. Concludes tomorrow 8pm.
9.30 James May's Toy Stories: Action Man at the Speed of Sound
The Top Gear presenter attempts to propel an Action Man toy through the sound barrier settling on an experimental supersonic vehicle made entirely from scratch.
10.30 QI XL
In the Christmas edition, presenter Stephen Fry is joined by Star Wars actress Carrie Fisher: plus regulars Bill Bailey, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies.
11.15 Harry & Paul's Story of the 2s
Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse take an irreverent- and not entirely accurate - look at the history of BBC2. Among the 50 shows they revisitand parody are The Office, Boys from the Blackstuff Arena, The Old Grey Whistle Test and The Apprentice
12.15 I Confess
Suspense drama starring Montgomery Clift and Anne Baxtei: A killer confesses his crime to Father Logan knowing that he is bound to silence. But then suspicion for the murder falls on Logan.
1.45 Sign Zone
1.45 Canterbury Cathedral
2/3. The treasurer applies for a £12 million lottery grant.
2.45 Wonders of the Monsoon
4/5. Documentary examining wildlife in monsoon areas.

ITV1

6.00 CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
With guests Michael Ball, Mark Charnock and Professor Green.
9.25 Columbo
A photographer murders his wife and makes it look as if she was killed by a kidnapper Dick Van Dyke guest-stars.
11.25 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal
A Wedgwood lustre bowl, car blackout covers and thousands of pounds' worth of gold are valued by the team in Penrith, Cumbria.
12.25 The Cube
The perspex box holds no fears for 67-year-old competitor Norman.
1.25 Tipping Point
With Ben Shephard.
2.30 Back to the Future Part III
Third instalment in the blockbuster comedy adventure series. Trapped in 1955, Marty McFly needs help again to get back to the future. Howeven to do that he must travel through time to the Wild West of 1885.
4.40 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas
Stop-motion animated adventure based on the film Elf. Buddy travels to New York City to meet the father he never knew he had. With the voices of Jim Parsons and Mark Hamill.
5.40 Regional News
Weather
5.50 ITV News
Weather
6.05 You Saw Them Here First
Raiding the archives for unexpected footage featuring the television debuts of Britain's best-loved celebrities. Including Alexander Armstrong, Casualty's Derek Thompson, Katy Perry, Nigella Lawson, Martin Freeman, Michael Mclntyre and Bradley Cooper.
7.00 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1
Fantasy adventure. With Lord Voldemort once again in the ascendancy, Harry Potter and friends are forced to go on the run. Armed with items given to them by Dumbledore, they seek to destroy the things that contain the secret of Voldemort's power.
9.50 Darcy Oake: Edge of Reality
Illusionist Darcy Oake doffs his cap to the grand old tradition of stage magic with this evening of spectacular logic-bending illusions, recorded before a live theatre audience. Prepare to be amazed as he promises to deliver some things you'll have never seen before, some things you'll never see again and some you'll have to see to believe. Hosted by Christine Bleakley.
10.45 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
11.05 An Audience with Joan Rivers
The comedian holds court as a host of famous faces encounter her brash style up close.
12.00 Clockwise
Comedy starring John Cleese and Alison Steadman. For headmaster Brian Stimpson this will be no ordinary day, Due to address a conference In Norwich, he suffers many setbacks in an increasingly hysterical race against the clock.
1.40am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.40 Nightscreen
Text information.

Channel4

5.25 Flicka 2
Drama starring Tammin Sursok mand Patrick Warburton. A city girl forms a special bond with a free-spirited horse called Flicka.
7.05 Lost and Found
Jim Broadbent narrates a magical tale about a boy and a penguin.
7.30 Famous Fred
Posy Simmonds animation about a singing cat, featuring the voice of Lenny Henry.
8.00 The Morning Line
Racing preview.
9.00 Frasier
Two women vie for Frasier's attention.
9.30 The Simpsons
Triple bill.
11.00 Alaska
Action adventure starring Thora Birch and featuring Charlton Heston.
1.10 LIVE Racing
The Welsh Grand National at 3.00 is the feature race from Chepstow, other starts are at 1.25, 1.55 and 2.35. Races from Kempton Park are at 1.40, 2.15 and 2.55.
3 35 Zulu
Historical war drama In 1879 Cetewayo, ruler of the great Zulu kingdom inflicts a heavy defeat upon the British army at Isandhlwana and marches towards the small garrison of Rorke s Drift where two officers desperately rally their meagre forces.
6.20 Channel 4 News
Sport Weather
6.40 Guy Martin's Passion for Life
Away from the media glare this documentary offers a snapshot of some of the petrolhead's favourite things. We meet him hard at work as a lorry mechanic a job he's cycled to every day SINCE he was 12 years old! He reveals his love for high performance , precision, authenticity and conviction. The film also follows his dream to own an iconic Merlin Spitfire engine.
7.10 Mission Impossible
Action spy thriller Impossible Mission Force agent Ethan Hunt is on the trail of former colleague gone bad Sean Ambrose following the theft of a synthetic virus capable of wiping out the world's population. In an effort to get closer to Ambrose Ethan is accompanied on the mission by the renegade agent's former lover.
9.30 Fifty Funniest Moments 2014
A heady cocktail of this year's gaffes and mishaps that goes straight to the funny bone. From Pharrell's hat to Ed Millband's bacon sandwich they're all here. With cutting comments and lots of laughter from the likes of Danny Dyer, Katherine Ryan, Eamonn Holmes, Ruth Langsford and Internet star KSI.
11.35 X Men the Last Stand
Second sequel in the fantasy action adventure series. A wealthy Industrialist finds a cure for the mutants but it is an announcement that divides the community with many refusing to give up their powers. As dissent grows Magneto uses the unstable atmosphere to rally support for a war on the humans.
1.35 The Raven
Period thriller starring John Cusack Luke Evans and Alice Eve A serial killer is on the loose in 19th century Baltimore whose crimes mirror events in the stories of Edgar Allan Poe. Who better to help predict the murderer's next move than the author himself?
3.30 Hollyoaks
5.45 Small Animal Hospital

Channel5

6.00 Milkshake!
9.30 World's Strongest Man
5/11. The fifth and final round of the Giants Live qualifiers.
10.30 Pal Joey
Musical comedy Starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak.
12.45 The Secret Garden
Period drama based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic novel. starring Kate Maberly and featuring Maggie Smith
2.45 Watership Down
Animated screen version of the best-selling novel about a group of rabbits searching for a safe haven.
4.35 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Musical.
A newlywed must share her home with her husband's six unruly brothers.
6.35 World's Strongest Man
6/11. As the first heat gets under way, the UK's Terry Hollands strives for a ninth appearance in the finals.
7.35 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up!
Festive entertainment from 1982.
8.30 The Dog Rescuers ith Alan Davies
Alan hosts a canine Christmas party for some of the stars of the last series.
9.30 5 News
9.35 The Haunting of Radcliffe House
Olivia Williams and Matthew Modine star in this feature-length chillen Meg Hamilton movesher family to a remote location on the Yorkshire moors, where she's been hired to renovate a country house. As eerie events begin to occur it soon becomes clear that the house is home to supernatural forces.
11.25 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours
Police believe a robbery suspect is also a series of Christmas thefts.
11.55 Access
Showbiz news.
12.00 SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10am The Kids' Hospital
3/3. A 14-year-old with a serious leg injury.
4.00 House Doctor
In Durham.
4.25 Make It Big
The group searches for a venue.
4.50 Make It Big
Josh prepares for a meeting.

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FESTIVE Television

Sunday, December 28th

Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark

BBC1 3.45pm

Indiana Jones's outrageous exploits take him around the world in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant.

ET the Extra-Terrestrial

3.20pm ITV1

Spielberg's sci-fi adventure where a 10-year-old boy befriends an alien.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast
Jon Kay, Naga Munchetty
9.00 G-Force
Part-animated action adventure featuring the voices of Nicolas Cage and Sam Rockwell. A specialised team of guinea pig secret agents are sent to thwart an evil mogul's bid for world domination.
10.20 Three Men and a Little Lady
Comedy sequel with Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg and Ted Danson. The bachelor trio are dismayed when Mary, now five years old, moves with her mother Sylvia to London.
12.00 Christmas of My Lifetime with Len Goodman
With Ricky Tomlinson, Jennie Bond, Julia Bradbury and Ainsley Harriott.
1.00 BBC News
Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.15 Bargain Hunt
In Peterborough.
1.55 Call the Midwife
Chummy and Patsy try to help two pregnant teenagers in a mother and baby home.
3.10 Songs of Praise
Musical moments and memorable stories from the past year.
3.45 Raiders of the Lost Ark
Action adventure starring Harrison Ford. Indiana Jones's outrageous exploits take him around the world in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant, a religious artefact of unspeakable power wanted by the Nazis.
5.35 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
6.00 Celebrity Mastermind
5/10. Rob Deering, Amy Willerton, Andy Bell and Jason Watkins answer questions on Jane Austen's novels, Anne Boleyn, Blondie and theatre impresario David Barrick.
6.30 Countryfile
John Craven visits an agricultural college that makes wine from grapes grown on the South Downs, and presents a compilation of archive items about rural celebrations. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 Still Open All Hours
2/6. Granville is determined to pair up Gastric and Madge. He's equally set on enticing an old man who never comes into the shop. Wet Eric is lured into a dangerous purchase
8.00 Antiques Roadshow
There's a treasure trove of goodies at Durham Cathedral, including a "sweetheart" brooch linked to the Grenadier Guards that was bought by its current owner from a hospice shop. And Paul Atterbury is intrigued by a set of secret documents that could offer new information on the D-Day landings. Fiona Bruce presents.
9.00 Last Tango in Halifax
New series. 1/6 Series 3. Sally Wainwright's romantic drama returns. Newlyweds Celia and Alan's honeymoon period comes to an abrupt end when an unexpected visitor forces Alan to think about his past and the secret he's kept from his wife.
10.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
10.25 Match of the Day
Including Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United and West Ham v Arsenal. Presented by Gary Lineker.
11.55 The Football League Show
Featuring Nottingham Forest v Birmingham City.
1.15 Goal II: Living the Dream
Football drama sequel starring Kuno Becken Alessandro Nivola and Anna Friel.
3.05 Weather for the Week Ahead
3.10 BBC News

BBC2

6.50 Antiques Roadshow
7.50 Sign Zone
Updates from the past year.
1.50 Herbie Goes Bananas
Comedy about a Volkswagen with extraordinary powers. En route to Brazil, Herbie and his owners get caught up in a plot to steal Incan gold.
9.20 Coast Australia
Great Barrier Reef.
10.10 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
Highlights.
11.40 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure
Dave Myers and Si King arrive in Thailand.
12.40 Julie Andrews: Talking Pictures
A look at TV appearances made over the years by the actress.
1.25 Great Continental Railway Journeys
Michael Portillo travels through Poland.
2.25 The Heroes of Telemark
Thriller starring Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris. Occupied Norway 1942: a team of resistance fighters try to sabotage Nazi attempts to build an atomic bomb.
4.30 Final Score
Jason Mohammad presents the classified results.
5.30 Flog it!
From Ely Cathedral, plus a trip to Newmarket.
6.00 John Carter
Action fantasy based on the novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Following an encounter with a mysterious medallion, American Civil War veteran John Carter is transported to Mars where he gains superhuman powers. Once there, he comes to the aid of a beautiful princess who is being used as a bargaining chip between warring races.
8.00 Top Gear Patagonia Special
2/2. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May continue their quest to take three V8-engined sports cars on an epic journey through Patagonia to the southernmost city in the world. Ushuaia. Along the way they encounter stunning landscapes, mechanical meltdowns and torturously unpaved roads, before a terrifying turn of events brings their adventure to a heart-stopping climax.
9.00 Racing Legends
Barry Sheene. Jim Moir (aka Vic Reeves) tells the story of the 1970s motorcycle world champion. He discovers how Sheene rose to the top of his sport and became a hugely popular public figure. The comedy actor also rides the bikes that became part of the legend.
10.00 House of Fools
Vic and Beef are set to celebrate on Christmas Eve when Bob's special present for his sulky son Erik goes up in flames. The housemates cast off with Julie and Bosh on an underground boat journey to pop icon Phil Collins's mansion to find a suitable replacement present
10.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks
Festive edition of the quiz with guests Louis Walsh, Glen Matlock, Lloyd Langford and Melissa Steel.
11.00 The Wrong Mans
1/2 Series 2. X-Mans/White Mans. Sam and Phil are forced to come out of hiding and embark on an international quest.
12.00 The Comedy Vaults: BBC2's Hidden Treasure
Rarely seen moments from the channel's archives.
1.00 Suspicion
Oscar-winning psychological thriller starring Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine. Shy Lina McLaidlaw marries man-about-town Johnnie Aysgarth, but her happiness slowly becomes tainted with the fear that her charming husband is not all that he seems.
2.40 Sign Zone
2.40 Countryfile
The team looks forward to the Christmas market in Bath.
3.35 Holby City
A familiar face returns in need of help from Elliot.

ITV1

6.00 CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
With Gino D'Acampo, Kelly Adams, Union J and Andy Burrows. Last in series.
9.25 Columbo
A widow vows to exact revenge on the two men who put her husband in prison
11.00 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
11.15 The Cube
A personal trainer takes part.
12.15 Michael Flatleyz a Night to Remember
An entertainment special featuring the renowned Riverdance star. Christine Bleakley presents.
1.15 Tipping Point
Game show.
2.20 Catchphrase
Carol Vorderman, Michael Ball and Michelle Collins see it and say it.
3.20 ET the Extra-Terrestrial
Steven Spielberg's classic sci-fi adventure, starring Henry Thomas and featuring Drew Barrymore. Ten-year-old Elliott has a new friend, but he's from another planet and nobody must know that he's here.
5.35 Regional News
weather
5.45 ITV News
weather
6.00 The Queen's Garden
2/2. Once winter has passed, spring comes early to the garden at Buckingham Palace. Alan Titchmarsh discovers a unique nursery of life right in the heart of London, including a tawny owl chick hatched in the grounds. He also tours the garden's commemorative trees and sees a pair of plane trees planted by Victoria and Albert. Then Alan helps pick the weekly posy for the Queen's desk. In late May, a tented village on the lawn is the sign that party season will soon be here and guests can admire the showpiece floral display.
7.00 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera
Alastair Stewart presents footage filmed by members of the public, featuring fearsome storms, encounters with nature and dramatic rescues, including a construction worker who was trapped on the balcony of a building engulfed by fire.
8.00 All Star Family Fortunes
New series. 1/11. Who will clean up tonight as Coronation Street takes on Emmerdale? The Weatherfield wannabes led by Jimi Mistry with his soap "family members" Shelley King, Marc Anwan Sair Khan and Oasim Akhtar take on the Dales division headed by Natalie J Robb along 0with her soap "clan" Adam Thomas, Anthony Quinlan, Joe Gill and Bill Ward. They're trying to win up to £30,000 for charity.
9.00 All New It'll Be Alright on the Night
Griff Rhys Jones unleashes previously unseen calamities that the celebrities would rather you didn't view. Featuring Shane Richie in a less-than-perfect moment from EastEnders, and the Come Dine with Me couple who almost split.
10.00 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
10.15 Through the Christmas Keyhole
Keith Lemon snoops around celebrity homes, dropping clues as to who the owners are.
11.15 Rugby Union
Premiership highlights, including Gloucester v Wasps and Harlequins v Northampton Saints.
12.10 The Store
Home shopping.
2.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.45 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.10The American Football Show
The latest NFL highlights.
7.10 Little Wolf's Book of Badness
Animated tale.
7.35 Ivor the Invisible
Children's animation.
8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond
A snowstorm traps Ray and Debra at Frank and Marie's house.
8.35 Frasier
Double bill.
9.30 Sunday Brunch
With comedian Josie Long and indie-rock band Bombay Bicycle Club.
12.25 Imagine That
Comedy fantasy with Eddie Murphy. A stockbroker discovers that his daughters imaginary friends can offer some helpful financial advice.
2.35 The Simpsons
Five episodes.
4.55 Channel 4 News
Sport; weather
5.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One
Comedian Adam Hills holds all the answers as he hosts a special edition of the quiz show, with a prize for the charity of the celebrity who wins.
6.00 The Golden Compass
Fantasy adventure based on the first in Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy of novels, starring Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig and Dakota Blue Richards. In a parallel universe where souls take animal form, orphan girl Lyra has been brought up among the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. It is there she overhears her uncle, Lord Asriel, talk of a microscopic particle that can pass between different worlds.
8.00 The Hotel
New series. 1/8 Series 4. It's two years since Mark Jenkins was forced to sell his own hotel, the Grosvenor Now he's back in Torquay for one summer season only, in the role of entertainments manager at the struggling, family-run 90-bed Cavendish Hotel, alongside his friend and former colleague Alison. It's the start of the summer: the hotel's roof is leaking and finances are at rock bottom.
9.00 Homeland
12/12 Series 4. Long Time Coming. Once back in the United States, Carrie and Saul investigate what she saw in Islamabad.
10.15 Gogglebox 2014
Loveable Leon and June, "posh couple" Steph and Dom, hairdressers Christopher and Stephen, and Sandy and Sandra from Brixton are among those passing judgement on the year's TV, including everything from entertainment juggernauts to the big soap stories and from hard-hitting documentaries to gritty dramas.
11.50 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker
Alex Zane presents a selection of festive internet clips that have proved popular around the world this year featuring a mashed-up Monty the penguin and Mariah Carey with a beard.
12.45 Father Ted
4/10 Series 2. Dougal is led astray by new arrival Father Damien.
1.10 American Football Live
Coverage of a match from the final week of the NFL's regular season.
4.55 NFL: Rush Zone
Animated adventure.
5.20 Secret Eaters
A mother and daughter's unusual eating habits are revealed.

Channel5

5.15 Milkshake!
9.20 World's Strongest Man
6/11. Action from the opening heat in Los Angeles.
10.20 Carry On Christmas
Sid James stars as Ebenezer Scrooge in this 1969 comedy hatchet job on Dickens's A Christmas Carol. With Terry Scott.
11.25 Greatest Ever Carry On Films
A rundown of memorable moments from the comedy film series.
12.25 Carry On Spying
Spy spoof starring Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windsor. Four British secret agents set out to recover a stolen secret formula.
2.10 Black Beauty
Family drama based on the novel by Anna Sewell. After being retired to pasture in the English countryside, the horse Black Beauty looks back on an eventful life with many owners, some kind but others cruel.
3.55 Out of Africa
Oscar-winning biographical drama. Karen Blixen leaves her native Denmark in 1913 to marry a Swedish baron and run a coffee farm in Kenya. Travelling to Nairobi, she briefly encounters adventurer Denys Finch Hatton and begins a romance that is inextricably bound up with the beauty of Africa, its land and its people.
7.00 World's Strongest Man
7/11. In the second heat of the contest, English contender Ben Kelsey from Oxford and formidable Icelander Hafthor Bjornsson join a world-class field of strongmen to face a series of gruelling challenges - including Fingal's fingers and the atlas stones.
7.55 5 News
8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
3/10 Series 2. Enforcement agents are faced with the difficult job of evicting a woman with two children - a task that takes a turn for the worse when her ex-partner makes
an appearance.
9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments
A countdown of the year's biggest stories and scandals, from Solange Knowles attacking brother-in-law Jay Z in a lift to Cheryl Fernandez-Versini's whirlwind romance and marriage, as well as her return to The X Factor.
11.55 Autopsy: Michael Jackson's Last Hours
Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of Michael Jackson in 2009, at the age of 50.
12.55 SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 World's Strongest Man
5/11. The opening heat from Los Angeles.
4.00 House Doctor
A bland property near Leamington Spa.
4.25 Make It Big

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FESTIVE Television

Monday, December 29th

Eight Out of Ten Cats does Countdown

C4 9.00pm

Jimmy Carr hosts the irreverent panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz.

Eastenders

8.00pm BBC1

Ronnie realises Dot and Charlie have been manipulated.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast
Naga Munchetty Bill Turnbull

8.00 Match of the Day

9.30 Flushed Away
Aardman Animations comedy adventure featuring the voices of Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet and Ian McKellen.

10.50 Megamind
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Will Ferrell, Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill and Tina Fey.

3.35 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave
The duo get mixed up in sheep rustling.

4.05 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
Harrison Ford returns as intrepid archaeologist Indiana Jones in the second entry in Steven Spielberg's action adventure series. Indy's new quest takes him to India in search of the magical Sankara stone, and uncovers an ancient evil that threatens all who come into contact with it.

5.55 BBC News
Regional News; Weather

6.20 The Muppets
Musical comedy Muppet fans Gary, Mary and Walter visit the Muppet Theater in Hollywood, but are horrified by its dilapidated condition. When it turns out a greedy oil magnate is determined to buy the building, the trio set out to persuade the old gang to put on a money-spinning show.

8.00 EastEnders
Ronnie realises Dot and Charlie have been manipulated, while Dexter offends Nancy.

8.30 Miranda
I Do, but to Who? Miranda has to decide whether to accept Gary or Mike's proposal.

9.05 Mapp and Lucia
New series. 1/3. Period comedy, starring Miranda Richardson and Anna Chancellor about the social rivalry between two women in a small town after one rents the other's home for the summer

10.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather

10.30 Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey Hepburn
Strictly judge Darcey Bussell explores Audrey Hepburn's private world, discovering how she survived starvation during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and went on to win respect and admiration for her work in the theatre and movies, as well as for her humanitarian deeds.

11.35 Sport Relief: the Final Score
A look back at this year's charity event.

12.35 EuroTrip
Comedy starring Scott Mechlowicz, Michelle Trachtenberg and Jacob Pitts. An American high-school student embarks on a trip across Europe with his friends to meet his German internet pal.

2.05 Weather for the Week Ahead

2.10 BBC News

BBC2

6.10 Sign Zone
Tom Kerridges Best Ever Dishes 6/6. Demonstratmg how to liven up lunches.

6.40 The Football League Show
Highlights of the latest matches Shown yesterday.

8.00 Orangutans: The Great Ape Escape Natural World
An orangutan is released back into the Wild after Spendlng eight years in a rescue centre.

9.00 Coast Australia
Neil Oliver investigates the penal history of Port Arthur during colonial times

9.50 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
Tim Brooke Taylor competes against Graeme Garden

10.50 Great Continental Railway Joumeys
Michael Portillo travels through Galicia and Portugal.

11.50 The Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure
Dave and Si conclude their culinary tour of Thailand.

12.50 David Niven Talking Pictures
Capturing the milestones of the English actor's fame.

1.40 Around the World In 80 Days
Adventure based on the classic Jules Verne novel starring David Niven. Reform Club member Phileas Fogg makes a wager with his fellow clubmen that he can go round the world in 80 days.

4.30 Big Dreams, Small Spaces
1/5. As Monty Don sets about helping people transform their nightmare gardens, he battles to turn a clay-clogged building site in Petworth into a piece of Portugal.

5.30 Wild Brazil
1/3. Following capuchin monkeys, giant otters and coatis as they strive to raise their families. The first episode sees the young animals taking their initial steps in some of the world's most extraordinary habitats.

6.30 Nature's Weirdest Events
1/3. Chris Packham investigates peculiar natural events, including dogs commuting on the Moscow metro.

7.30 Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow
2/2. The historian and his team conclude their re-creation of the pioneering 280-mile expedition through the natural wonder that was led by explorer John Wesley Powell in 1869.

8.30 Christmas University Challenge
6/10. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions as writer and broadcaster Adam Hart-Davis and archaeologist Helen Geake represent the University of York while broadcaster and scientist Jim Al-Khalili and writer Susan Blackmore join the University of Surrey team.

9.00 Snow Wolf Family & Me
1/2. Gordon Buchanan heads to the north of Canada to discover the true nature of wolves. Using his skills as a wildlife cameraman, Gordon begins to gain the trust of a white wolf family who have never experienced human contact. As spring turns to summer he becomes accepted by the pack, including a mother and her three newborn pups.

10.00 Dave Allen: God's Own Comedian
Family, friends and rare archive footage tell the story of the Irish comedian's life and career - one that took in films, plays, documentaries and chat shows as well as the award-winning comedy series for which he was most renowned. A natural performer who cut his teeth at Butlins, he became a TV star in Australia in his 20s before returning home to dominate the British schedules with his unique blend of sketches and stories.

11.00 The Wrong Mans
2/2 Series 2. Action Mans/Wise Mans. Sam and Phil's spirits are lifted as they leave Texas, but then they are forced to take part in a heist with a gang of mercenaries. Will they survive?

12.00 Notorious
Alfred Hitchcock's classic romantic thriller starring Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant. Willing to go to any lengths to prove her loyalty to the US government, Alicia Huberman agrees to travel to South America and risk her life by becoming involved with a ruthless Nazi spy.

1.40 Sign Zone

1.40 The Apprentice: the Final
The two finalists launch their businesses in a task to determine the winner.

3.40 The Mekong River with Sue Perkins
4/4. The comedian reaches her final destination: China.

ITV1

6.00 Dinner Date
Darren from London.

7.00 Good Morning Britain
News and guests.

8.30 Lorraine
Beverley Knight is in the studio.

9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show
Family Feuds

10.30 Judge Rinder
Real life court cases

11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Strongman Geoff Capes is mystery host to four dinner guests.

12.30 All Star Family Fortunes
With chef Gino D'Acampo and actress Michelle Keegan

1.15 ITV News
Regional News; Weather

1.30 Secret Dealers
The experts bid for a Sheffield silver inkwell and a nine carat gold watch.

2.30 Surprise Surprise Christmas Special
A ten year old girl visits the set of Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

3.30 Dr No
The first James Bond adventure, starring Sean Connery and Ursula Andress. Bond is sent to Jamaica to investigate the mysterious killing of a fellow agent.

5.35 The Chase
Quiz presented by Bradley Walsh.

6.30 Regional News
weather

6.45 ITV News
Weather

7.00 Emmerdale
Megan wonders if Jai is trustworthy.

7.30 Coronation Street
Gavin's cover comes under threat.

8.00 Countrywise
8/8 Series 6. In the Lake District, Paul Heiney becomes a rambling guide. Liz Bonnin visits a wildlife rescue centre in Scotland.

8.30 Coronation Street
Anna is shocked when she discovers the truth.

9.00 Christmas Epic Falls
A look at the funny side of the season, presented by Angus Deayton. Including cringeworthy gifts, festive fads, cheesy songs and unsettling Santas.

10.00 ITV News at Ten
Weather; Regional Weather

10.15 Atonement
Period romantic drama. At a country house in 1935, sisters Cecilia and Briony Tallis clash over Cecilia's affair with servant's son Robbie Turner.

12.25 Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.

3.00 Nightscreen
Text information.

5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.15 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures

6.30 How I Met Your Mother

7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond

9.10 The Big Bang Theory
Triple bill

10.30 The Simpsons
Triple Bill

12.00 Hachi: a Dog's Tale
Drama based on a true story starring Richard Gere and Joan Allen

1.50 Deal or No Deal Merry Christmas

2.50 Brewster's Millions
Comedy starring Richard Pryor and John Candy

4.50pm Channel 4 News
Sport; weather

5.30 Hollyoaks
Peri takes action when Nancy confronts her.

6.00 The Italian Job
Comedy caper starring Michael Caine and Noel Coward. When Charlie Croker is released from prison, he is soon up to no good. After securing the financial backing of crimelord Mr Bridgen he puts into motion plans for a gold-bullion robbery that is to take place in Turin. But the Mafia has other ideas...

8.00 Mini Cooper: For the Love of Cars
From its revolutionary design and front-wheel drive, to becoming a track and rally can the Mini Cooper Mkl was the small car with the big heart driven by royalty, 1960s superstars and ordinary members of the public. Ant Anstead tracks one down at the back of a barn in Dublin and gets to work restoring the vehicle to its former glory, while actor Philip Glenister meets Formula One legend Stirling Moss, who takes a Mini for a spin around one of the nation's most dangerous roads.

9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown
Jimmy Carr hosts the irreverent panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson joined by guests David Mitchell and Kathy Burke for comic innuendos, unpredictable conundrums and plenty of laughs. Alex Horne and the Horne Section join resident lexicographer Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner while Joe Wilkinson "assists" maths whizz Rachel Riley at the board.

10.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Jimmy Carr challenges Richard Ayoade, David Mitchell, Mel B, Micky Flanagan, Sarah Millican and Kevin Bridges on their knowledge of the past year The cast of The Inbetweeners, Michael Palin, Rio Ferdinand and Lily Allen are among those lending a hand.

12.00 The American Football Show
Highlights from the 17th and final week of the regular season.

1.00 The Omen
Horror with Gregory Peck, Lee Remick, David Warner and Billie Whitelaw. When the wife of the US ambassador has a stillborn child, another baby is substituted for the dead infant. Five years later a series of deaths lead the boy's parents to suspect their son has supernatural powers.

2.55 Flight of the Phoenix
Action adventure remake starring Dennis Quaid. Pilot Frank Towns is sent to pick up an oil-well crew in Mongolia, but on the way back to Beijing he flies into a huge sandstorm. The plane crash-lands In the Gobi desert. The situation is looking grim for the survivors, when one of their number makes a crazy suggestion.

4.45 Kirstle's Handmade Treasures
Featuring paper sculpture, decoupage and embroidery.

5.05 Small Animal Hospital
John Barrowman helps to train a rebellios puppy.

Channel5

5.15 Milkshake

10.00 World's Strongest Man
Action from the second heat in Los Angeles

11.00 Carry On Sergeant
Comedy starring William Hartnell and Bob Monkhouse

12.50 The Glenn Miller Story
Musical biograph1cal drama starring James Stewart and June Allyson Young Glenn Miller forms a band and begins searching for the sound that Will make him a household name.

3.05 The Dam Busters
Classic wartime drama about the audacious RAF mission to destroy the Ruhr dams with "bouncing" bombs.

5.35 What the Dambusters Did Next
Chronicling the missions undertaken by the RAF's 617 Squadron after the famous May 1943 raids on the Ruhr and Eder valleys, exploits which were immortalised in The Dam Busters.

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
4/10 Series 2. A debtor who is refusing to pay Brian and Graham suddenly comes up with a surprising solution.

8.00 World's Strongest Man
8/11. The third heat takes place in Los Angeles, where Brit Eddie Hall competes against five other titans.

9.00 The Rock
Action thriller when a disaffected war hero takes hold of the island of Alcatraz and threatens to use chemical warfare to destroy San Francisco, a mild-mannered FBI biochemist and an ex-spy are called in to tackle the threat.

11.50 Reservoir Dogs
Quentin Tarantino's violent crime drama. Crime boss Joe Cabot and his son employ six criminals to carry out a jewellery heist. When the robbery goes wrong, the gang returns to the arranged rendezvous, convinced there is a traitor among them.

1.50 SuperCasino
Live gaming.

3.10 World's Strongest Man
7/11. The second heat of the contest.

4.00 Great Scientists
Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei.

4.25 House Doctor
Double bill, from Kent and Glasgow.

5.15 Wildlife SOS
The work of an animal sanctuary.

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FESTIVE Television

Tuesday, December 30th

The Parent Trap C4 3.25pm
Twins, Hallie and Annie, long for their family to be reunited, and set out to make it happen.

Pirates of the Caribbean: at World's End
10.25pm BBC1
Elizabeth, Will and Barbossa join forces to resuce Jack Sparrow from Davy Jones's locker.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast
Naga Munchetty, Bill Turnbull.
9.00 Shark Tale
Animated comedy adventure featuring the voices of Will Smith and Robert De Niro. A celebrity-obsessed fish masquerades as a shark-killing hero.
10.25 Hotel for Dogs
Comedy starring Emma Roberts, Jake T Austin and Don Cheadle. A palr of orphaned children open a refuge for stray dogs.
12.00 Bargain Hunt
Wild swimmers v life guards.
1.00 BBC News
Weather; Regional News
1.25 Father Brown
An immobillsed Fr Brown becomes an armchair sleuth when a WI member dies.
2.10 George of the Jungle
Comedy adventure starring Brendan Fraser and Leslie Mann. An infant is raised by gorillas in the African jungle.
3.35 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade
Action adventure. The archaeologist sets out to find his fathen who has gone missing while searching for the Holy Grail.
5.35 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
6.05 Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted
Animated comedy adventure. The escaped zoo animals are still trying to find their way home, but run into trouble with Animal Control while partying in Monte Carlo.
7.30 EastEnders
Ronnie puts her plan into action, and a familiar face returns to the Square.
8.00 Holby City
Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot. Dominic gets trapped in a lift with an old acquaintance. Mo turns to Mr Thompson when she discovers Adele is taking Jesse to a family wedding.
9.00 Mapp and Lucia
2/3. Mapp is still reeling from Lucia's victory at the fete, so when the summer art exhibition approaches and Lucia hopes to prove her talent, Mapp tries to exert her influence by starting a new exercise trend. Continues tomorrow 9pm.
10.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
10.25 Pirates of the Caribbean: at World's End
Swashbuckling fantasy adventure sequel starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Geoffrey Rush and Keira Knightley. Elizabeth, Will and Barbossa join forces with Captain Sao Feng to rescue Jack Sparrow from Davy Jones's locker.
1.00 The Hand That Rocks the Cradle
Thriller starring Annabella Sciorra and Rebecca De Mornay.
2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.50 BBC News

BBC2

6.15 Sign Zone
Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom. 1/5 A project to bulld a castle.
7.15 When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth
Adventure with Victoria Vetrl and Robin Hawdon
8.50 Coast Australia In Queensland
9.40 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
Thespians Hermione Norris and John Thomson compete.
10.40 Great Continental Railway Journeys
Michael Portillo travels to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.
11.40 The Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure
Dave Myers and Si King s culinary tour arrives in Japan.
12.40 Robert Redford Talking Pictures
An insight into the life of the Hollywood actor.
1.20 The Horse Whisperer
Drama starring Robert Redford and Kristin Scott Thomas. A cowboy uses his healing powers on a teenager and her horse after an accident leaves them traumatised.
4.00 Big Dreams, Small Spaces
2/5. Monty Don lends a green-fingered hand to truck driver Gary who has ambitious plans to make a garden for his girlfriend and family to enjoy.
5.00 Wild Brazil
2/3. The monsoons arrive and the giant otter cubs must learn to swim ahead of their river flooding.
6.00 Flog It!
In Bognor Regis, Charlie Ross spots a diamond ring and a glass vase with an illustrious name.
6.30 Nature's Weirdest Events
2/3. Chris Packham investigates reports of fish "walking" out of the water in Florida, and bees in France that are making multicoloured honey.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
7/10. In the last of the first-round matches, the Manchester Metropolitan University team, which includes actors Bernard Hill and John Thomson, takes on a quartet representing Goldsmiths, University of London that boasts Radio 4 newsreader Corrie Corfield and singer/songwriter Neil Innes. Jeremy Paxman hosts.
8.00 Sacred Wonders of Britain
Neil Oliver investigates the hallowed sites of ancient Britain, looking at how people expressed their religious beliefs by reshaping the landscape around them. He begins by examining the very first stirrings of religion, visiting Nottinghamshire to view clues to a world of magic and ritual etched into the rock of Creswell Crags by Ice Age hunters.
9.00 Snow Wolf Family & Me
Gordon Buchanan returns to the Canadian Arctic in autumn as he concludes his quest to discover whether wolves deserve their reputation as feared predators. He catches up with his white wolf family as they endeavour to raise their pups and prepare for winter Gordon also accompanies them as they hunt for lemmings, muskox and hares, and encounter a rival pack.
10.00 Charlie Brooker's 2014 Wipe
The satirist casts a withering gaze over the biggest and most bizarre events of the past 12 months in the news, film, TV and social media. When tipping a bucket of ice over your head was seen as a mark of moral seriousness, he isn't short of material for his splendidly dyspeptic diatribes.
11.00 Dave Allen: the Immaculate Selection
A plethora of sketches and gags feature in a compilation of the comedian's finest moments from his years at the BBC from 1971 to 1986.
12.00 Backchat
with Jack Whitehall and His Dad The best bits of the comedy chat Show.
12.45 Spellbound
Psychological thriller starring Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck. A psychiatrist falls for a man she believes to be an impostor.
2.35 Sign Zone
2.35 World's Greatest Food Markets
3/3. Roger Barton heads to New Delhi's Azadpur food market.
3.35 Doctor Who
Clara and the Doctor end up trapped on an Arctic base under attack.

ITV1

6.00 Dinner Date
Kevin from Birmingham
7.00 Good Morning Britain
Honeysuckle Weeks talks about the new series of Foyles War
8.30 Lorraine
With singer Ella Henderson.
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show
Heated debate
10.30 Judge Rinder
Robert Rinder presides.
11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes
Tuna Malone hosts a dinner party for a quartet of guests.
12.25 All Star Family Fortunes
Tina Hobley and Andrew Castle compete.
1.10 ITV News
Regional News, Weather
1.20 Secret Dealers
The antiques experts bld for five gold half soverelgns on nine carat mounts.
2.20 The Queen's Garden
1/2 Buckingham Palace's gardens.
3.20 From Russia with Love
James Bond adventure starring Sean Connery. Agent 007 is sent to Istanbul to help a beautiful Russian diplomat defect to the West with a cipher machine. How even Bond is unaware that he's being drawn into a trap laid by criminal organisation Spectre.
5.35 The Chase
Four contestants take on the Chasers.
6.30 Regional News
Weather
6.40 ITV News
weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Nicola finds the courage to tell Jimmy her news, before dropping another bombshell on him.
7.30 Wilderness Walks with Ray Mears
6/6. Isle of Skye. Ray's final journey takes him to the rugged Inner Hebrides, where he hopes to catch an enthralling glimpse of Britain's rarest bird of prey.
8.00 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2
Fantasy adventure, the final part of JK Rowling's saga. Harry continues his search for the magical Horcruxes, the key to the evil Lord Voldemort's immortality. Acting on information from the goblin Griphook, Harry is led to the vault of Voldemort's ally Bellatrix Lestrange before returning to Hogwart's for a final confrontation with his archenemy.
10.30 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
10.45 Birds of a Feather
1/8 Series 11. Birds on a Plane. Dorien treats Sharon and Tracey to a holiday.
11.15 American Gangster
Biographical crime drama. Following the death of his menton Frank Lucas establishes himself as the number one distributor of heroin in the US by coming up with a unique new method of importing. But then he attracts the attention of detective Richie Roberts.
1.55 Jackpot241
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.40 Nightscreen
Text Information
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

5.30 The Parent Trap
Comedy with Maureen O'Hara and Hayley Mills. Twins Sharon and Susan plan to get their parents back together. The 1998 verslon is at 3.25pm
7.45 Freaky Friday
Body swap comedy starring Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster. A mother and her teenage daughter switch bodies for a day.
9.30 The Big Bang Theory
10.55 Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back
12.30pm The Simpsons
Four episodes
2.25 Deal or No Deal: Merry Christmas
3.25 The Parent Trap
Disney comedy drama. Eleven-year-olds Hallie and Annie discover they are twin sisters, separated years earlier as a result of their parents' divorce. The twins long for their family to be reunited, and set out to make it happen.
6.00 The Simpsons
D'oh-in' in the Wind. Homer gets high.
6.30 Hollyoaks
Lindsey and Freddie learn of DS Thorpe's plan.
1.00 Channel 4 News
Sport; Weather
7.05 Come Dine with Me
Actress Helen Flanagan hopes to win cash for charity with her sparkly culinary efforts. But she's up against presenter Kirsten O'Brien, who offers a Scandinavian evening, comic Mark Dolan and his Dickensian Christmas - replete with a three-bird roast, and Happy Mondays frontman Shaun Ryden who hosts a "Madchester" evening.
8.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent
New series. 1/6 Series 8. The property guru helps more frustrated house sellers, heading first for Hereford then Gloucester. Nick and Carolyn have recently separated and are desperate to sell their house, while Lorna and Stuart need a bigger place for their growing family.
9.00 David Blaine: Real or Magic
The illusionist performs mind-boggling tricks for a host of celebrities, including Will Smith, Kanye West, Ricky Gervais and Stephen Hawking.
10.20 The Look of Love
Biographical comedy drama starring Steve Coogan. Entrepreneur Paul Raymond went from small-time variety performer to one of therichest men in Britain after building an empire based on adult entertainment and pornography. But did wealth and a flamboyant life of excess really bring him true happiness?
12.20 Damien - Omen II
Horror sequel starring William Holden and Lee Grant.
2.10 If...
Satirical drama starring Malcolm E McDowell as a rebellious pupil at a public school.
4.05 Phll Spencer: Secret Agent
The property expert heads to Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex.
5.00 Secret Eaters
Helping a factory manager.
5.55 Small Animal Hospital

Channel5

6.00 Milkshake
9.35 World's Strongest Man
8/11 Brut Eddie Hall competes against five other titans In LA.
10.35 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
Casey the husky is hoping for a new life.
11.35 Fun In Acapulco
Mustcal starring Elvis and Ursula Andress A hotel lifeguard becomes involved in a love triangle.
1.35 Close Encounters of the Third Kind
Steven Spielberg's Collector's Edition of his SCI fl drama with Richard Dreyfuss An electrical engineer encounters a UFO while Investigating an extensive power failure in Indiana.
4.15 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Musical fantasy. An inventor restores a racing car with the help of his father and two children.
7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
5/10 Series 2. High Court enforcement officers Paul, Steve and Ben make a shocking discovery at a home in Essex, while Brian and Graham try to negotiate with a debtor who refuses to talk to them.
7.55 5 News
8.00 World's Strongest Man
9/11. The fourth and penultimate heat at the Commerce Casino in Los Angeles, which featured three-time champion Zydrunas Savickas.
9.00 Elvis by the Presleys
The channels Elvis Day curls its lip in tribute to "the King", continuing with this intimate glimpse into his family life, as former wife Priscilla and their daughter Lisa Marie reveal what it was like to share a home with the rock 'n' roll legend. There's also exclusive home-movie footage and private photographs from the Presley archives, as well as excerpts of vintage performances by Elvis in his prime.
11.00 Elvis: '68 Comeback Special
Presley proved he wasn't ready to relinquish his rock 'n' roll crown in this, his first live performance in more than eight years. Accompanied by musical sidekicks including guitarist Scotty Moore, he rips through a set of classic tracks including Heartbreak Hotel, Hound Dog, All Shook Up, Jailhouse Rock, Don't Be Cruel and Can't Help Falling in Love.
12.00 Autopsy: The Last Hours of Elvis Presley
A forensic investigation into Elvis's death, at the age of 42.
1.00 SuperCasino
Interactive gaming.
3.10 World's Strongest Man
8/11 The third heat from Los Angeles.
4.00 Nick's Quest
Nick travels to Venezuela to find the world's largest snake.
4.20 House Doctor
Decluttering a Victorian villa in Garelochhead, Argyll and Bute.
4.45 House Doctor
Top tips from past episodes.
5.10 House Doctor
A Kensal Green garden flat.
5.35 Wildlife SOS

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FESTIVE Television

Wednesday, December 31st

Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular

C4 9.00pm

The cheeky comedian unleashes a blend of celebrity chitchat, unconventional games and hilarious sketches as 2014 draws to a close.

Ratatouille

1.10pm BBC1

Remy, an idealistic and ambitious young rat, travels to Paris to fulfil his dreams of becoming a cook.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast
Naga Munchetty, Bull Turnbull
9.00 The Cat In the Hat
A grant talklng feline (Mike Myers) causes chaos in two bored kids home ln this fantasy comedy.
10.15 Eight Below
Eight sled dogs must fight for their survival after they are left alone in Antarctica.
12.05 Bargain Hunt
From Derby
12.50 BBC News
Regional News, Weather
1.10 Ratatouille
Anrmated Pixar comedy about a young country rat who travels to Paris to seek his destiny as the best chef in all of France.
2.50 Monsters vs Aliens
Anlmated sci-fi comedy in which a woman who is struck by a meteorite develops special powers and finds herself defending Earth. ?
4.15 Top of the Pops New Year
Fearne Cotton and Reggie Yates review the year in music, featuring the final number one of 2014 and performances by Clean Bandit, Ed Sheeran, George Ezra, the Vamps, Ella Henderson, the Script, Professor Green, Labrinth and Charli XCX.
5.20 Pointless Celebrities
With Tim Brooke-Taylor and John Bird, Ray Burdis and Don Warrington, Dom Joly and Robert Llewellyn, and Rhona Cameron and Richard Herring.
6.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
6.35 Celebrity Mastermind
6/10. John Humphrys hosts as Kate Thornton, Tony Law, Steve Pemberton and Harry Shearer take the hot seat.
7.05 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
Period action adventure starring Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett and Shia LaBeouf. Nevada in the late 19505: intrepid archaeologist lndiana Jones embarks on a series of adventures that will take him deep into the Amazon jungle in search of a mysterious crystal skull.
9.00 Mapp and Lucia
Susan Wyse MBE Pippa Haywood 3/3. Miss Lucia decides to take Tilling's cultural welfare in hand by beginning a series of musical evenings, although Mapp is curious to notice the odd moan from the locals.
10.00 BBC News
Weather
10.15 The Graham Norton Show
Graham invites a line-up of A-list guests to huddle up on the sofa.
11.15 Queen and Adam Lambert Rock Big Ben Live
Brian May and Roger Taylor join forces with US singer Adam Lambert at Central Hall Westminster bringing in the new year with a concert of Oueen's greatest hits. Continues at 12.10am
11.55 New Year's Eve Fireworks
The Thames Embankment provides a selfie-friendly backdrop as London welcomes the new Susie Liggat year with a dazzling display over the river.
12.10 Queen and Adam Lambert Rock Big Ben Live
The rock festivities continue as Queen and Adam Lambert play their first gig of 2015.
12.30 Mrs Brown's Boys
The doting mother gets a new house guest.
1.10 John Bishop Live: Elvis Has Left the Building
The comedian performs at Liverpool's Empire Theatre.
2.20 Old School
Comedy starring Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn. Three 30-something buddies try to recapture the fun of their college years.
3.50 Weather for the Week
3.55 BBC News

BBC2

6.10 Sign Zone
Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom.
7.10 Natural World Empire of the Desert Ants
A honey ant queen s rise to power.
8.10 Saboteur
Spy thriller starring Robert Cummlngs and Priscilla Lane.
9.55 Alfred Hitchcock Talking Pictures
A look at the television appearances made by the director.
10.35 Shadow of a Doubt
Classlc thriller starring Joseph Cotten and Teresa Wright.
12.20 The Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure
Dave and Si are entertained by a geisha in Kyoto.
1.20 Becoming Jane
Fledgling writer Jane Austen (Anne Hathaway) becomes romantically involved wlth a penniless lawyer (James McAvoy)
3.10 Coast Australia
Exploring why Bells Beach ln Victorla produces perfect waves.
4.00 Big Dreams, Small Spaces
3/5. Monty Don braces himself to tackle a plot ravaged by salty winds on the south coast and gets to work on a mountainside garden in Snowdonia.
5.00 Wild Brazil
3/3. After the floods of the wet season, a fierce drought soon leads to huge and ferocious fires. The capuchin monkeys, giant otters, coatis and jaguars, race to breed so that their young can be born during the next period between climatic extremes.
6.00 Flog It!
Catherine Southon and Mark Stacey are in Bodmin. Plus the ancient sport of Cornish wrestling.
7.00 Tigers about the House: What Happened Next
1/2. As we catch up with Sumatran tiger cubs Spot and Stripe at Queensland's Australia Zoo, they are nearly a year old and under the care of surrogate dad Giles Clark. But the tiger experts work is made more difficult by Spot's near blindness. Giles and his family also take a trip to Indonesia, where orangutans and elephants are among the animals they encounter And in Sumatra, they decide to leave the lasting legacy of an enclosure that will allow elephants to fully socialise.
8.00 Christmas University Challenge
8/10. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions as two teams, each made up of four distinguished graduates, compete on behalf of their former universities in the first semi-final of the academic quiz's festive series.
8.30 The Help
Oscar-winning drama starring Emma Stone. ln1960s Mississippi, "Skeeter" Phelan returns home from college determined to become a writer But when she decides to document the experiences of black housemaids working for prominent white families, it rocks the community on both sides of town.
10.50 Mock the Week
Ed Byrne, Sara Pascoe and James Acaster are among those featuring in this special New Year's Eve edition of the comedy quiz, hosted by Dara O Briain.
11.20 Jools's Annual Hootenanny
It wouldn't be the end of another year withoutMr Holland having a singsong around the old joanna with the starriest line-up in town. Hitting the high notes are the likes of Ronnie Spector Ruby Turnen Ellie Goulding, Paloma Faith, Joss Stone and Clean Bandit with Jess Glynne, and taking the lower ones are Ed Sheeran, Boz Scaggs, Paolo Nutini, William Bell and Wilko Johnson. The hillbilly-esque reworkings of classic rock tunes by Hayseed Dixie will get heels kicking up, while the 1st Battalion Scots Guards mark that midnight moment.
1.35 Glastonbury 2014 Highlights
Some of the best performances from the festival.

ITV1

6.00 Dinner Date
Joel from Manchester.
7.00 Good Morning Britain
Sir David Attenborough chats about his new series Conquest of the Skies.
8.30 Lorraine
Entertainment and fashion.
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show
Studio conflict
10.30 Judge Rinder
Courtroom cases
11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Footballer Wes Brown plays the mystery host at a dlnner party.
12.25 All Star Family Fortunes
With Rav Wilding from Crimewatch and Taggarts Blythe Duff.
1.10 ITV News
Weather
1.20 Secret Dealers
ltems lnclude a grotesque fish vase and a dlamond cluster ring.
2.20 The Queen's Garden
2/2 Alan Titchmarsh discovers all manner of animal visiors to Buckingham.
3.25 Goldfinger
James Bond adventure in which 007 takes on ruthless criminal Auric Goldfingen a man with an appetite for gold and a desire to become the most powerful man on Earth.
5.35 The Chase
Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.
6.30 Regional News
Weather
6.45 ITV News
weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Belle panics at the stables as she realises one of her pills is missing.
7.30 Coronation Street
Liz tells Steve he can borrow from the Rovers' account to pay his staff. David lets Michael move into No 8.
8.00 Rita and Me
It's half a century since Barbara Knox first brought Coronation Street's red-headed Rita so vividly to life, and she's been one of the most popular characters ever since. Barbara looks back on her care-en as well as the role that has brought her such acclaim.
9.00 A Funny Old Year
As Jason Manford takes a comical look at the highs and lows of 2014, the great and the good (and not so good) can expect to be the butt of a non-stop riot of jokes.
10.00 Tommy Cooper: Not like That, like This
David Threlfall takes on the role of the comedian and magician who won an unrivalled place in the nation's affections. However Cooper struggled with both alcohol and his inner demons and he spent his last 17 years torn between two women.
11.55 ITV News
Weather; New Year's Bongs
12.10 Carry On Camping
Comedy starring Sidney James. When Sid and Bernie take their girlfriends on holiday, they think they're off to a nudist colony - but they couldn't be more wrong.
1.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
2.25 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother
7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond
7.00 The Valley of Gwangi
Fantasy adventure about the discovery of a valley where time has stood still.
9.20 The Brady Bunch Movie
Comedy inspired by the l970s TV series, with Shelley Long and Gary Cole.
11.00 The Big Bang Theory
Leonard agrees to accompany Amy to a wedding.
11.25 The Simpsons
Double bill
12.25 Five Children and It
Period fantasy. A fairy has the power to grant five children's wishes but there is mischief behind his magic.
2.15 Home Alone 3
Comedy sequel. Alex is at home sick, but he's not going to be alone for long. A stolen computer chip is hidden in one of his toys and four spies are determined to get it back.
4.20 Fantastic Mr Fox
Animated comedy adventure Following the birth of their son Mr Fox agrees to keep his word to his wife that his wild days are behind him. But when the family moves to a home overlooking the farms of Boggis Bunce and Bean Mr Fox is tempted to resume his old ways
6.00 The Simpsons
Lisa Gets an A After being off sick Lisa resorts to cheating to pass a school exam.
6.30 Hollyoaks
A desperate Nancy puts herself in danger.
7.30 Channel 4 News
Sport, weather
8.00 Frozen at Christmas
Disney's Frozen has become the highest grossing animated film in the history of the genre This examination of one of the biggest cultural phenomena of 2014 explores the depths of obsession exhibited by its legion of fans.
9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular
The cheeky comedian unleashes a blend of celebrity chitchat unconventional games and hilarious sketches as the year begins to ticktock to a close Jonathan Ross, Gok Wan, Alesha Dixon, Seann Walsh, Mark Wright, James Corden and throwing themselves gamely into the mayhem while Tulisa Contostavlos and Professor Green try to get their music heard above the din.
11.05 Fifty Funniest Moments 2014
In this countdown of unintentionally hilarious clips from the last year famous faces from sport politics TV and music are left red faced Irresistible moments include the former leader of the BNP giving cookery lessons the fisticuffs between Justin Bieber and Orlando Bloom and inevitably Labour leader Ed Mrliband eating a bacon sandwich.
1.05 C4's 30 Greatest Comedy Shows
Celebrating the stations most impressive series.
2.55 The IT Crowd
1/6 Series 3 Jen has to deal with a difficult bullder Meanwhlle Roy loses some money
3.20 The IT Crowd
2/6. Roy and Moss revel in their masculinity when they discover a new football website.
3.50 Phil Spencer Secret Agent
A Reigate property that looks more like a sauna than a house.
4.45 Kirsties Handmade Treasures
Kirstie Allsopp enters a cake in the Devon County Show.
4.55 Secret Eaters
A couple who have put on more than eight stone between them in four years
5.50 How I met Your Mother
Marshall becomes terrified of his boss

Channel5

6.00 Milkshake
10.10 World's Strongest Man
9/11 Action from the fourth and penultimate heat.
11.10 Carry On Regardless
The familiar faces get up to all kinds of mischief at a chaotic employment agency.
1.00 The Vikings
Epic adventure starring Tony Curtis. The family tles between slave Enc and warrior Elnar are closer than they know.
3.10pm The Dirty Dozen
Second World War adventure. Major Reisman's mission to lead a covert operation is a tough one; especially when his team is made up of 12 convicted prisoners.
6.05 Tommy Cooper's Christmas Special
Classic skits and sketches from 1974, featuring music by Dana and Vic Damone and a guest appearance by puppeteer André Tahon.
7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
6/10 Series 2. The police are on hand as High Court enforcement officers Paul, Steve and Ben evict a group of up to 70 squatters who have barricaded themselves inside a large office block in central London.
7.55 5 News
8.00 World's Strongest Man
10/11. Action from the fifth and final heat in Los Angeles, which features defending champion Brian Shaw and Britain's Graham Hicks.
9.00 Britain's Favourite Sitcoms
Prepare to have your ribs tickled in this countdown of clips from the nation's favourite TV comedies-from both sides of the Atlantic - as voted for in an online poll. Classic moments from hits such as Fawlty Towers, Only Fools and Horses, Cheers, Father Ted and The lnbetweeners are just some of the surefire smashes on the menu. Mel Giedroyc narrates the compilation.
12.00 The Abba Years
The story of the Swedish supergroup, featuring interviewswith the four band members.
1.00 SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 World's Strongest Man
9/11. The fourth heat from Los Angeles.
4.00 Great Scientists
Charles Darwin's epoch-making theory of evolution.
4.25 Chinese Food in Minutes
Sea bass steamed in wine, and a spicy beef dish.
4.30 Chinese Food in Minutes
Ching-He Huang teaches two rugby players to prepare oriental dishes.
4.45 House Doctor
A bungalow in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.
5.10 House Doctor
Ann Maurice visits a three-bedroom property in Spennymoon Durham.
5.35 Wildlife SOS

FESTIVE Television

Thursday, January 1st

The Dark Knight
ITV1 9.00pm

Can Gotham City's very own masked protector foil the Joker's 'deadly serious' plan?

The Wizard of Oz
4.10pm C4

Dorothy must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast
With Charlie Stayt.
9.00 Bee Movie
Animated comedy with the voice of Jerry Seinfeld. A Dee sues humankind.
10.25 Over the Hedge
Animated comedy adventure with the voice of Bruce Willis. A raccoon cons a tribe of animals into stealing food.
11.40 Life Story: the Full Circle
David Attenborough presents a compilation of spectacular moments from the natural history series.
12.45 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
The Most Rev Justin Welby delivers his annual address.
12.50 BBC News
Weather; Regional News
1.10 The Boy in the Dress
David Walliams's comedy drama
2.10 Mary Poppins
Musical comedy starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. A magical nanny takes care of two children.
4.25 The Adventures of Tintin: the Secret of the Unicorn
Animated action adventure. When intrepid boy reporter Tintin buys a model ship of the Unicorn, he soon finds himself the target of sinister forces. Tintin's curiosity leads him in search of legendary pirate treasure in the company of his dog Snowy, detective duo Thompson and Thomson and blustering seadog Captain Haddock.
6.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
6.30 Roald Dahl's Esio Trot
Judi Dench and Dustin Hoffman star in a dramatisation of Roald Dahl's tale in which retired bachelor Mr Hoppy hatches a plan to win the heart of his neighbour Mrs Silver.
8.00 Miranda
The Final Curtain. It's the last-ever episode of the sitcom. Will Miranda's on-again-off-again romance with Gary finally be brought to a satisfactory conclusion?
8.30 EastEnders
A swathe of secrets and lies ensures that the new year gets off to an explosive start for many of the residents.
9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Gamble. In the second of two festive episodes, Buster installs an alarm system in Agnes's house, with predictably shambolic results. Agnes puts on her best poker face when she plays against old rival Hillary.
10.35 Match of the Day
Highlights include Tottenham's clash with Chelsea and Arsenal's visit to Southampton.
12.10 Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga: Cheek to Cheek
Live! The unlikely duo Sing jazz.
1.05 Road Trip.
Comedy starring Breckin Meyer and Seann William Scott. Student Josh heads off cross country to intercept a compromising videotape.
2.35 Skiing Weatherview
2.40 BBC News

BBC2

6.15 The Great Interior Design Challenge
In west London.
7.15 Close Calls: on Camera
A jockey's horrific fall.
7.45 Alec Guinness Talking Pictures
A profile.
8.30 The Lavender Hill Mob
Crime comedy starring Alec Guinness. A bank worker plans to steal a million pounds in gold bars.
9.50 A Hard Day's Night
Musical comedy starring the Beatles in their movie debut. The Fab Four embark on a train journey to London for a TV show.
11.15 New Year's Day Vienna Concert
Zubin Mehta returns to the Musikverein to conduct the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's performances of the Strauss family's music. Plus the Vienna State Ballet.
12.50 Snow Wolf Family and Me
1/2. Gordon Buchanan heads to the Arctic.
1.50 Snow Wolf Family and Me
The cameraman follows the wolf family as it prepares for winter.
2.50 Galaxy Quest
Sci-fi spoof starring Tim Allen. Sci-fi actors encounter real-life aliens.
4.25 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
A reflection by the Most Rev Justin Welby.
4.30 Final Score
A round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League and Scotland.
5.30 Force 10 from Navarone
Second World War drama. Sent on a mission to Yugoslavia to blow up a bridge essential to the German war effort, a crack squad of soldiers is hindered by leaked information. The unit's leader then begins to suspect that someone is a double agent.
7.30 Tigers about the House: What Happened Next
2/2. On a road trip through the jungle of Indonesia, the Clark family encounter a wonderful array of wildlife - but also the brutal reality of tiger poaching. Back at home, cubs Spot and Stripe are growing up fast and need to be guided carefully as they approach adulthood.
8.30 Christmas University Challenge
Two teams of distinguished graduates compete on behalf of their former universities in the second semi-final of the academic quiz. Jeremy Paxman hosts.
9.00 Quartet
Comedy drama based on Ronald Harwood's play. At the Beecham House retirement home for opera singers, the occasion of Verdi's birthday is always marked by a special fund-raising concert. But this year the arrival of one particular grande dame throws preparations into chaos.
10.30 Julie Walters: a Life on Screen
The acclaimed actress chats about her career, from her beginnings in theatre through to her successes in TV and film. With contributions by Victoria Wood, Celia Imrie and Hugh Bonneville.
11.30 Mock the Week
Dara O Briain and the team round off the year with selection of out-takes, quizzes and clips featuring guests such as Ed Byrne and Sara Pascoe.
12.05 Frenzy
Thriller with Jon Finch and Barry Foster. London is terrorised by a series of "necktie murders" and when a body is found in the Thames, the police establish that it's another victim of the killer: Suspicion falls on an ex-RAF officer and a personal tragedy makes his guilt seem all the more certain.
1.55 Stick It
Sports comedy starring Jeff Bridges and Missy Peregrym. Hard-nosed gymnastics coach Burt Vickerman reluctantly takes on problem teenager Haley Graham when a juvenile court orders her to attend Vickerman's academy in Houston.

ITV1

6.00 CITV
8.25 Dinner Date
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.20 Judge Rinder
Real-life cases.
11.20 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Todays surprise dinner host is actress Tricia Penrose.
12.25 All Star Family Fortunes
Nadia Sawalha and Jane Cox take part with their clans.
1.25 ITV News
Weather
1.35 Secret Dealers
A 19205 lacquer box.
2.35 You've Been Framed!
Comical clips.
3.05 Thunderball
Oscar-winning spy adventure. A Nato aircraft has been stolen by criminal organisation Spectre and the world is under threat from its nuclear payload. James Bond is assigned to the case and the trail leads to the sinister Emilio Largo.
5.45 Rita and Me
Fifty years after Barbara Knox's first appearance on Coronation Street, this portrait looks back at Rita's greatest moments.
6.45 ITV News
Weather
7.00 New You've Been Framed! At Christmas
A saucy robotic Santa gives away a little too much and a squirrel is trained to sabotage the neighbours' Christmas lights. With Harry Hill.
1.30 Emmerdale
Belle and Lachlan are heading down a perilous path. Finn struggles to admit the truth to his family, while David's plan to impress Jacob backfires.
8.30 Birds of a Feather
2/8 Series 2. There's Something about Sharon hen Sharon's high IQ is discovered, Dorien pushes her down an unlikely career path. Tracey is kept occupied by a despondent Garth.
9.00 The Dark Knight
Oscar-winning action fantasy. Now that Gotham City has its very own masked protection the heads of the underworld are finding it increasingly difficult to operate. But then they receive an offer they can't refuse from a garishly attired criminal called the Joker. Meanwhile, Bruce Wayne's former girlfriend Rachel Dawes has started a relationship with DA Harvey Dent, who is pursuing his own crusade against crime in Gotham.
11.55 ITV News
weather
12.00 The Cube
Police constable Kelly thinks she's tough enough to get through the challenges.
12.50 Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.40 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.15 The Three Worlds of Gulliver
Fantasy adventure starring Kerwin Mathews.
7.55 The 7th Voyage of Sinbad
Fantasy adventure starring Kerwin Mathews. Sinbad and his crew rescue a sorcerer from the clutches of a cyclops.
9.45 The Big Bang Theory
Double bill.
10.40 The Simpsons
Cartoon capers.

11.10 The Last Mimzy
Sci-fi fantasy adventure starring Timothy Hutton. Two children find a toy rabbit that can communicate telepathically.
1.00 LIVE Racing
Starts from Cheltenham are at 1.20, 1.55, 2.30 and 3.05, and from Musselburgh at 1.35 and 2.10. Nick Luck presents.
3.30 Guy Martin's Passion for Life
Away from the media glare, this documentary offers a snapshot of some of the Isle of Man TT competitor's favourite things.
4.00 Channel 4 News;
Sport; Weather
4.10 The Wizard of Oz
Classic musical fantasy. When a huge tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange and dazzling world. There she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City.
6.10 Sister Act
Comedy. After seeing her gangster boyfriend Vince LaRocca murder an informant, cabaret singer Deloris Van Cartier becomes a marked woman. When she agrees to testify against Vince, Deloris is sent by the police to hide in a San Francisco convent where she has trouble adapting to the nuns' way of life.
8.00 Snow White and the Huntsman
Fantasy adventure. Snow White is on the run from her evil stepmother who has sent a group of men into the woods to capture her. But the huntsman leading the search learns that he is also a victim of the Queen's duplicity and aims to protect the girl - even if she seems quite capable of looking after herself.
10.30 Rude Tube Welcome to 2015
Alex Zane introduces his selection of the top 100 greatest internet clips uploaded over the course of the past year encompassing everything from the humorous and bizarre to the truly excruciating. Will a raving blast from New Year past or the incredible spider dog prank hit the top spot?
12.35 The Godfather
Francis Ford Coppola's epic Oscar-winning crime drama, starring Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and James Caan. In New York following the Second World Wan Don Corleone is determined that his family should keep control of the US crime world. English, Italian +subtitles.
3.30 Trans World Sport
Including an interview with former tennis star Goran Ivanisevic.
4.30 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent
The property expert helps a couple in West Yorkshire.
5.25 Hugh's Three Good Things: Best Bites
Pears are the stars of three wonderful dishes.
5.40 Small Animal Hospital
Honey the golden retriever has a severe limp.

Channel5

6.00 Milkshake!
9.45 Access
10.00 World's Strongest Man
10/11. Heat five.
11.00 The Dam Busters
Wartime drama starring Richard Todd and Michael Redgrave.
1.25 The Italian Job
Comedy crime caper starring Michael Caine.
3.30 Ben-Hur
Oscar-winning period epic. Wealthy prince Judah Ben-Hur combats the tyranny of his Roman masters at the time of Christ, and is condemned to almost certain death as a galley slave by his childhood friend Messala. But the two men are fated to meet again.
7.30 Hercules the Human Bear
In 1976 Andy and Maggie Robin bought a grizzly bear cub called Hercules from a zoo in Aviemore, in the Highlands, who went on to become a star of TV and films. This study of their 25-year friendship feature extensive home-movie footage and recalls the time he went missing for 24 days in the Outer Hebrides.
8.30 World's Strongest Man
11/11. The last dozen men standing risk doing themselves all kinds of mischief in this year's final in Los Angeles. After slugging it out in vein-bulging battles such as the vehicle pull and the keg toss, who will emerge as this year's victor?
9.30 5 News
9.35 White Dee: What's All the Fuss About?
Dee Kelly found fame last year as the star of controversial series Benefits Street. Some hailed her as a working-class hero, but she was also labelled "the patron saint of drug addicts and dropouts". Here, Dee tells her own story and reveals how she has coped in the media spotlight.
10.35 Celeb Big Brother: the Good, the Bad and the Unforgettable
Ahead of the new series, Emma Willis looks back at memorable moments from the past 14 seasons. Remember George Galloway pretending to be a cat, or Lionel Blair in bondage gear? Former housemates including Jim Davidson, Kerry Katona and Vanessa Feltz are on hand to reminisce.
12.35 Jim Davidson: At Least I'm Not Boring
The Celebrity Big Brother winner talks about his life and career.
1.35 SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 World's Strongest Man
The fifth heat from Los Angeles.
4.00 Wildlife SOS
Double bill.
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THERE are often many statistics being published about property prices – selling prices, asking prices, increases and decreases, month on month, year on year and so on. Sometimes the figures agree and sometimes they completely contradict each other. The reality is often similar in that it varies hugely from area to area and it is virtually impossible to make a sweeping statement that applies to the whole country or even just to the south west. For instance, this year, we saw a vibrant first quarter with mortgages being granted a little more readily and a return of first time buyers (a rare commodity in these parts). We expected a ripple upwards in the price ranges in terms of what was selling (as all this activity began at the lower end) and probably would have seen that happen except for one thing. The government was concerned about the London market causing a new housing bubble and so new mortgage regulations were brought in at the end of April. The new rules meant that anyone wanting a mortgage had to be very much more specific about their monthly outgoings (how much you spend on fuel, groceries, hair cuts, gym membership etc). This resulted in many applications being refused (even in some cases where applicants were paying more in rent than their mortgage repayments would be). Sales began to fall through because of this and mortgages dried up again. The effect of this was felt by us almost immediately and did eventually have the intended results on the London market too, which began slowing down in August. The Autumn was slow but we saw an unexpected amount of activity in November thankfully, which gave us a slightly better end to the year. During most of this time, when the more rural areas were sluggish, some pockets were still very vibrant indeed. Exeter in particular seems to have done well and enjoyed good levels of activity throughout the year. It is a shame that more people are not willing to look a little further afield. Our local small towns and villages have some lovely properties to offer, whether you are looking for a period cottage or a family home, it can all be found here along with many strong local communities and beautiful surroundings. The new stamp duty rules have offered a small helping hand to buyers, who in some cases will save £5,000 on their purchase. This could mean that we have an early spring in terms of buyer activity as it will no doubt slow down towards election time. Therefore, if you are thinking of selling next year, it may be best to seek out your local agent for advice earlier than you might expect. The first quarter could be the best time to sell in 2015. In the meantime, for the buyers out there, many interesting properties remain on the market and with the savings in stamp duty, maybe January will be the time to take a look at that property you have been watching for the last couple of months and make an offer!

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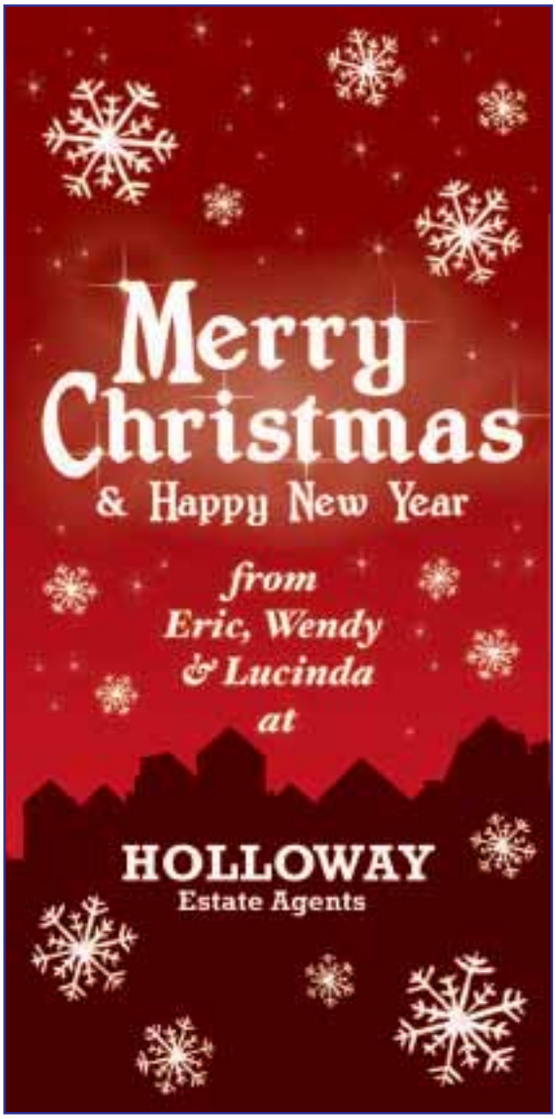

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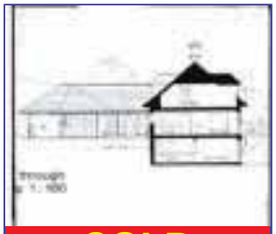
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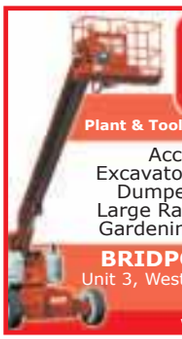

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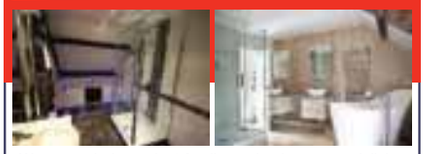

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New 367ps Audi RS 3 Sportback Goes Back To The Future

▲ Return of the Audi RS 3 Sportback

WHEN world-beating car meets class-conquering engine, the formidable result is the all new 367PS Audi RS 3 Sportback. The DNA for the world's most powerful series production premium compact hatchback comes courtesy of the A3 hatchback – the 2014 World Car of the Year – and the latest evolution of the evocative 2.5-litre five-cylinder TFSI – the International Engine of the Year in the 2.0 to 2.5-litre category. Enhanced by latest generation quattro all-wheel-drive, these genes create a car with truly exceptional dynamic capabilities, but one which can also deftly handle everything that daily life throws at it.

"There is a long tradition of five-cylinder engines at Audi," says Prof. Dr. Ulrich Hackenberg, Board Member for Technical Development at AUDI AG. "In the 80s, they turned Audi into a sporty brand, both in motor sports and in production. The new Audi RS 3 Sportback features the latest generation of our 2.5 litre, five-cylinder engine – the most powerful production engine in the modular transverse matrix."

Due to become available in the UK in March 2015, and expected to reach its first owners here next summer, the extreme high performance hatchback bolsters the 367PS output from its 2.5-litre TFSI with 465 Nm (343.0 lb-ft) of torque, which is available right from 1,625rpm through to 5,550rpm, enabling it to punch vigorously at the horizon in any gear and at virtually any speed.

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The distinctive rhythm of the 1 - 2 - 4 - 5 - 3 five-cylinder ignition sequence - the classic Audi soundtrack played out since the 1980s by rally cars, touring cars and production models such as the Ur quattro, the RS 2 and the TT RS – washes over the cabin as the new RS 3 Sportback gathers momentum. Two flaps in the exhaust pipes control the exhaust flow to provide for an even more intensive sound experience that varies with engine load and speed, and the driver can control these flaps via the Audi drive select adaptive dynamics system, which is standard. For the first time in an Audi model at this level, the already fittingly bass-heavy RS exhaust system can be replaced at extra cost by an even richer-sounding sports exhaust upgrade.

In the latest edition of the classic engine increased power and torque goes hand in hand with improved efficiency, which is confirmed by its compliance with the latest EU6 emissions regulations. According to the NEDC consumption test the new 'entry level' RS model is capable of returning up to 34.8mpg, corresponding to CO2 emissions of 189g/km. A recuperation system, a demand-controlled oil pump and a newly developed start-stop system which turns off the engine shortly before the car comes to a stop contribute to this impressive data.

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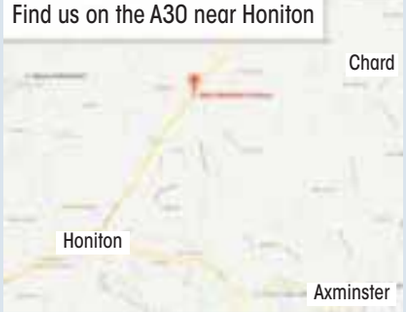

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Dorchester Town FC

BY STUART BROOM

Magpies collapse once again

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FOR the second week running Dorchester threw away victory when they conceded two goals in the final minutes.

Leading 2-0 at the break, the visitors pulled a goal back on 55 minutes but the Magpies restored their two-goal advantage just after the hour and looked to be on their way to a valuable win.

However, Rovers scored a second with ten minutes left, and in almost a replica of last week's defeat at St Neot's, Jordan Walker equalised with a minute of normal time remaining before Scott Brice scored the winner three minutes into added time against his former club.

Dan Smith, whose brace put the county town two up in the first half, showed his form after just six minutes when he finished a run with a 20-yard shot that fizzed past the post.

He then set up Mason Walsh soon after, but a defender just managed to deflect the AFC Bournemouth loanee's shot for a corner.

Paulton's first effort on goal almost brought a goal when Brandon Barnes' 20-yard free kick curled just wide.

Smith gave Dorchester the lead just before the half hour when he beat a couple of defenders and fired a low shot beyond keeper Kyle Phillips and into the corner.

He added a second five minutes later after Nathan Walker got a touch to Walsh's cross and Smith was on hand to drive home from 12 yards.

Walsh should have added a third just before the break when Smith's cross found the winger alone at the far post, but he fired wide from eight yards.

The visitors started the second half with intent and Darren Jeffries almost pulled one back within 70 seconds of the restart but his spectacular volley from Scott Wilson's cross whistled just the wrong side of the upright.

However, they scored on 55 minutes when Chris Dillon's valiant attempt to clear produced a goalmouth melee and Dean Evans drove the ball home.

Walsh then made up for his first half miss by restoring the two-goal lead on 62 minutes when Smith set him free and he neatly fired a left foot shot just inside the far post.

Jamie Gleeson then stung Phillips' hands with a thunderous 30-yard shot, and Smith fired over from on the angle after a Matthew's flick-on.

Dorchester looked in control at this time playing with confidence and control, but Paulton put themselves back in the game with ten minutes remaining when Evans and he lashed the ball home past an unsighted Alan Walker-Harris.

Rovers pressed looking for and equaliser and, with just a minute left, Wilson got the slightest touch from Barnes' corner to head the equaliser,.

Incredibly Dorchester conceded the winner three minutes into added time when Brice firmly headed home off the inside of the far upright.

Scrum down - rugby round-up

Encouraging aspects despite heavy defeat

Lytchett Minster 2nd 61
Dorchester 3rd 0

WITH a bare 15 and inexperienced players making their debuts some in unfamiliar positions due to unavailability, Dorchester found some encouraging aspects as Lytchett got revenge for their defeat in the reverse fixture when the Gladiators were reduced to 14 players for most of the match.

Lytchett had retained their solid pack from the first game, but had also added several younger players in their backs, and had substitutes, so were altogether more balanced than on the previous occasion.

Despite total dominance from the start by Lytchett it took them 20 minutes to finally break down a resolute Dorchester defence.

From the restart, a good line by the home receiver beat the defenders for an immediate second score.

However, Dorchester recovered, and started to win some possession of their own, taking play up towards Lytchett's 22. Play was fairly even, with Lytchett finally scoring again near the end of the half to lead 19-0 at the break.

This did not appear to be insurmountable, and Dorchester started the second half in an optimistic frame of mind.

As in the first half, there was a lot of defending to do early on, soaking up heavy pressure, but eventually the hosts scored again.

After this the defence started to lose cohesion, and although the visitors did manage to make progress towards the home lines on occasion, Lytchett's scoring rate increased.

Dorchester struggled on, determined to get at least one score back, but to no avail. Tired legs were unable to prevent the hosts scoring at will as the clock ticked towards full time.

Despite the heavy defeat there were some good aspects to take away.

many postives from the game

Dorchester's scrum, despite going backwards several times, managed mostly to keep their own ball; the lineout's functioned better than in previous games; Lytchett's driving mauls were usually stopped early; and when the backs managed to find a bit of space they were dangerous with ball in hand.

Simon Buckell, playing his first game for the Gladiators was named man of the match.

Next week the Gladiators are away to Swanage and Wareham 4ths, who will doubtless be keen to avenge the 137-0 defeat inflicted on their last visit to Dorchester.

◆ **SEASIDERS MAKE IT THREE IN A ROW:** George Carter makes a dash for the line as Weymouth & Portland 1st XV made it three league wins on the trot when they beat Bournemouth 3rd's 40-13 at Monmouth Road on Saturday, a win that leaves them fifth in the Dorset & Wilts 2 South. ***Photo by CHRIS DAVIS***

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

Budmouth A back to winning ways against depleted Triangle

THE sixth formers of Budmouth A got back to winning ways in DIVISION ONE in Week 8 after two consecutive defeats.

The task was made slightly easier given that Red Triangle could only manage to put out two players for the match which meant an automatic 9-0 start before Tom Cherry smade that 12-1.

Tony Reed hit back with a win over Lily Cherry before she beat Mick Spracklen and then Sam Millar won two legs against Reed and Spracklen to make the match safe.

Triangle finished strongly with Reed beating Tom Cherry and then partnering Spracklen to victory in the doubles but the initial deficit proved crucial.

YMCA notched up their second win of the season in a closely contested match with Shipton Gorge A.

In a match where all six players won at least one singles leg each, this one went down to the final doubles contest. Jon Cox starred for YMCA, winning all three of his singles matches - doing it the hard way as all were gruelling five setters and he also had to come from 1-2 down in all three of them.

Going into the doubles, Shipton Gorge needed a 3-0 win to draw the match but Cox teamed up with Ken Brake to yet another five set win over Edwardes and her partner Gil Roberts,once again coming from 1-2 down.

The other match in the Division saw Wyke M score a more comfortable win over Colliton X.

John Ryan registered wins in all of his singles matches for Wyke and also the closing doubles with David Avenell.

The score line, however, flattered Wyke a little with all but three of the legs going to four or five sets but they got the better of a majority of them to run out 27-12 winners.

In a full week of fixtures in DIVISION TWO there were wins for Budmouth's B and C teams, Colliton C and Shipton Gorge B.

Budmouth B's 23-15 victory was nip and tuck for the first half of the match but turned when Ben Graham beat Derek Shilliday 3-0 and Brad Burroughs followed that up by sneaking a 13-11 fifth set victory over Roger Lovell.

Simon Green then beat Graham's dad, Daren, before Burroughs and Graham rounded the win off by overcoming Shilliday and Green in the final doubles leg.

Once again, the score line in Budmouth C's win over Springfield A does not really reflect the competiveness of the match.

Both Jamie Blair and Moses Lewis won their three singles matches with James Green chipping in with two for the in-form youngsters.

Lewis came from two sets down to overcome Steve Rook in five sets and Green's only loss was to the same opponent also to the same 3-2 score line.

Rook then overcame Green again and got a little revenge on Lewis by teaming up with Pete Anderson to win the doubles but Budmouth were already out of sight and ran out 26-15 winners.

Colliton C drew level with Preston C after they beat them 24-14. Peter Loakes scored two 3-1 and a 3-0 win in his singles matches to give Colliton the edge.

Dave Glanville won two of his matches, losing only to Loakes, for Preston plus the doubles with Dave Clegg, to give him a good personal total for the evening.

Division Two's final match saw Brian Cammell lead Shipton Gorge B to victory over Preston B.

He won all three of his singles legs and was ably supported by his two partners, Peter Billingham and Graham Albertella, who both won two of theirs for a 24-14 win.

The week's closest match was at Shipton Gorge where their C team lost out 19-20 to table topping Wyke D.

This was an absolute cracker with the scores being tied at 17-17 going in to the deciding doubles rubber.

The first six legs were shared before Dan Corren and Graham Robertson of Shipton Gorge beat Rod Wyness and Roger Walden respectively to give them a 17-14 lead with one singles and the doubles leg to be played. Tony Dobbs then beat Tom Baldry 3-0 to level the tie and leave it tantalizingly balanced.

Fittingly the doubles went the distance with Walden and Dobbs digging out a 3-2 win over Corren and Robertson to seal victory.

The only other match in DIVISION THREE gave Budmouth E a 24-10 win over Dorset Youth Service B.

April Heasman and Snigdha Maganti both won their three singles matches and also paired up for a doubles win with Erin Stow also winning her opening leg against Mick Hogben.

Martin Singer and Richard Wood scored the Youth's only leg wins on a night dominated by the young ladies of Budmouth.

Weymouth Basketball

Raiders maintain fine unbeaten home record

Weymouth Raiders 87 Devon Peelers 53

AFTER two matches on the road, Weymouth Raiders returned home to defend their unbeaten home record in Exeter & District Men Division Two, and with the Peelers only able to muster six players, it was not too difficult.

The Raiders started well in the first quarter taking advantage of their player advantage; coach Craig Sorrell instructing all players to run the fast break where possible; and this proved to be the best tactic.

Jeff Robertshaw racked up an impressive 12 points with Max Gilmartin scoring back-to-back three pointers to take his points to ten, to give a 30-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

But Weymouth's tempo appeared to have reduced with the Peelers winning the second quarter with 17 points, reducing the deficit to 44-22 at half time.

The second half started with MVP Piotr Lason making three three-point shots and multiple shots from outside the key and putting up an impressive 17 points throughout the quarter.

Dan Park also stepped up the tempo making multiple steals and completing the fast break lay-ups giving the Raiders a very one-sided lead of 35 points lead going into the final quarter.

They maintained their control against a very tired looking Peelers team to secure a solid victory.

SCORERS/ROSTER: Piotr Lason 29, Jeff Robertshaw 18, Dan Park 14, Max Gilmartin 12, Scott White 4, Jack Speary 4, Ben Stokey 4, Jamie Dixon 2, Alan Ridout, Tom Storey.

Bandits fail to tame Tigers

TORBAY TIGERS 82 WEYMOUTH MISSION FITNESS BANDITS 60

Weymouth Bandits travelled to Torbay who are currently sitting in second place in Exeter & District Men Division One, and looking like the strongest in the league with only one loss.

The day didn't start well for the Bandits as again sickness and unavailability struck, leaving them shorthanded.

The game started with Tigers pushing at a ferocious pace, which took the Weymouth by surprise, and they struggled to compete.

They changed the defence slightly and this slowed the game and allowed the Bandits to at least trade baskets with the Tigers and end the first quarter 17-10 down.

Even the Bandits were down on points, they were not disheartened as both Jake Kinder and Chris Canham scoring long-range efforts.

They changed the offence with emphasis on inside plays to MVP Joel Franks, Ian Manley and Andy Steel; the three of them combining with some strong rebounds and under the ring plays to outscore Torbay; although Weymouth still trailed at half time.

The third quarter started with a different energy from the Bandits. Great rebounding from Vitoldas Balciunas and Rob Legg formed a platform to push on from, with Kinder and Canham again scoring long-range efforts. Torbay fell flat with no response bringing Weymouth to within five points of the home team.

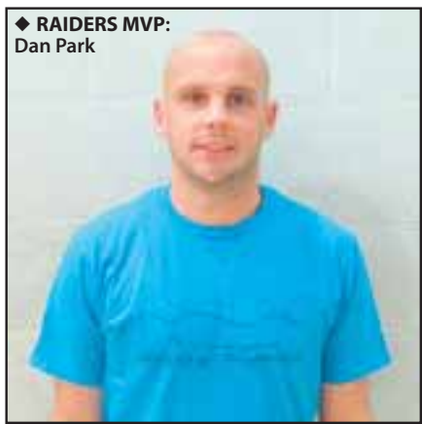
However the comeback slowed and substitutions followed but unfortunately the Tigers fought back to lead by 13 points at the end of the quarter.

Balciunas and Steel once more showed their strength to pull off some good offensive rebounds as the scoring slowed for both teams in the final quarter as fatigue set in.

The Bandits did get within six points of Torbay but unfortunately the home side changed their system which stifled any sort of offence Weymouth had in return, and closed the game out.

SCORERS/ROSTER: Ian Manley 14, Jake Kinder 11, Chris Canham 11, Vitoldas Balciunas 11, Joel Franks 9, Andy Steel 4, Rob Legg.

◆ **RAIDERS MVP:** Dan Park



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No Hopers v Young Guns,
Flyers v Anthill Mob,
Tornadoes v Marksmen.

Cribbage

LYME REGIS

Results; Talbot Arms 3 Cloakham Lawns 2, Nags Head LR 1 Gerrard Arms 4, New Inn Kilmington 3 Lamb Swans 2, Stepps 4 Old Inn Kilmington 1, Beer Club P Royal Oak P, Ship Inn LR 2 Axminster Con Club 3.
Beer League; Talbot Arms 1 Cloakham Lawns 2, Nags Head LR 2 Gerrard Arms 1, New Inn Kilmington 2 Lamb Swans 1, Stepps 0 Old Inn Kilmington 3, Beer Club P Royal Oak P, Ship Inn LR 2 Axminster Con Club 1.

Fixtures (January 5th); Talbot Arms v Lamb Swans, Nags Head LR v Old Inn Kilmington, New Inn Kilmington v Royal Oak, Beer Club v Cloakham Lawns, Ship Inn LR v Gerrard Arms, Stepps v Axminster Con Club.

Table – week 14	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilmington	14	43
Axminster Con Club	14	38
Beer Club	13	38
Nags Head LR	14	37
Lamb Swans	14	37
Ship Inn LR	14	33
Old Inn Kilmington	14	33
Talbot Arms	14	33
Stepps	14	33
Royal Oak	13	32
Gerrard Arms	14	32
Cloakham Lawns	14	26

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kilmington	14	25
Ship Inn LR	14	24
Stepps	14	23
Lamb Swans	14	23
New Inn Kilmington	14	22
Talbot Arms	14	21
Nags Head LR	14	20
Axminster Con Club	14	20
Gerrard Arms	14	20
Royal Oak	14	19
Cloakham Lawns	14	18
Beer Club	14	15

Lyme Darts

Lyme Regis & Dist.

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rockpoint	6	12
Nags Head A	5	10
Rousdon Club	4	8
Janners	6	8
Hunters Lodge	6	7
Royal Standard	5	5
Talbot Arms	7	5
Nags Z	4	4
Four Play	5	4
George	7	3
Cobb Arms	8	2
Half an Octopus	5	0

180s: Mark Barnett, Tom Bond, Wayne Doble, Mark Doherty & Chris Higgs all x1.

Hockey

Hawks go nap after fruitless start

OPMA 0 West Dorset Hawks 5

HAVING made the long trip to Truro the week before, the Hawks were on the road again to play bottom side OPMA in Plymouth.

Despite playing well the Hawks were frustrated not to convert a host of early chances in the first half.

But Mike Thompson and Steve Mearing always looked a threat up front, and eventually Thompson won a short corner that was executed superbly for Mearing to open the scoring.

Soon after Thompson won another short corner which he skilfully converted to give West Dorset breathing space. Another short corner just before the break saw Alex Davies add a third.

After the break OPM raise their game again but the Hawks defence withstood their assault, with keeper Tom Lowe making some great saves.

Having rode their luck they managed to put the game to bed with two goals from Mearing in open play for a comfortable win.

Although the forwards scored the goals, praise should go to Steele and Goodfellow for their work rate and for linking well with the rest of the team.

The result sees West Dorset move up to third, although Bude, their next opponents in the New Year, have a game in hand.

Coombes double chokes Chard

West Dorset A 2 Chard A 0

FOLLOWING last week's resounding 17-0 win over Sidmouth & Ottery D, West Dorset faced a tricky match at home against fellow promotion hopefuls Chard A whom they had already narrowly beaten 2-1 away on the first day of the season.

There was little to choose between the teams in the opening exchanges. However, West Dorset were having the clearer scoring opportunities with both Bob Dormer and John Kellas being denied by some superb saves from the Chard keeper.

With the interval approaching, Chard were starting to enjoy more of the possession as the hosts struggled to control the play in midfield areas.

Half-time gave West Dorset the opportunity to rejig their formation in order to try and regain the initiative, and with a bit more support in the middle of the pitch, they began creating the better chances.

The Chard keeper was having a great game but he was unable to stop the hosts taking the lead 15 minutes into the second half; Andrew Frampton and Russell Coombes exchanging passes into the area before Coombes smashed the ball between the keeper's legs from an angle.

Chard continued to push forward in an attempt to get the equaliser but they could find no way past the West Dorset defence.

The hosts secured the win with five minutes remaining when Kellas squared for Coombes to slot home from close range.

West Dorset had to soak up some late Chard pressure but held on to take the victory which sees them stay second in South East 2.

Captain Henry Middleton said""This was a really enjoyable match to play in as both teams had a really good go at each other and we were just able to edge it in the end.

"Andrew Frampton and Russell Coombes linked up really well in the second half and caused Chard a lot of problems. Our defence was also rock solid today and limited Chard's attackers to only a few shots on target."

Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	12	33
Isca C	12	24
WEST DORSET	12	20
Bude	11	20
Sidmth & Ottery C	12	19
USHC Plymouth	12	17
Plymouth Uni A	12	14
East Devon A	12	12
Camborne SoM	11	11
PGSOB A	12	9
Truro B	12	8
OPM A	12	6

South-East 2 Div	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	10	30
WEST DORSET A	10	24
North Devon A	10	21
Chard A	10	15
Ashmoor A	9	14
Bridgwater C	10	14
Sidmouth & Ottery C	9	12
Taunton Vale D	9	4
Sidmouth & Ottery D	9	4
Minehead B	10	3

Colfox class shows through once again

ONCE again The Sir John Colfox School cross country teams showed their strength by taking the majority of the titles in the third and final race in this year's South West Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships which they hosted.

Overall team and individual positions were based on a points system with only those schools or athletes that had competed in all three races qualifying for the overall title, although awards were given for each of the races.

Colfox Year 7 Girls clinched overall victory by the closest of margins. Both they and Dorchester Middle School, who needed to win the race outright to share the overall shield, scored 30 points each on the day to give the hosts the slimmest of wins. To cap it all off Maddy Herbert took the individual title.

Colfox's Year 7 Boys also needed to win to guarantee the shield, and they did so comfortably scoring the second lowest team total (15 points) in all three races, with Zakjohn Ousley winning the individual title.

The Junior Girls are arguably TSJCS's strongest team; the only race they have not finished first in this season was the Southern England Final where they finished an impressive 5th.

They easily won the team race with a total of 14 points, the biggest winning margin of any race and lowest team score, and subsequently the overall team title.

However it was St Osmund's Maddy Johnson that took the individual title.

Colfox's Tom Crabtree recorded a hat trick of victories in the Junior Boys race, the only individual to do so, and despite missing a few of their strongest runners, the team also remained unbeaten and took the overall title as well.

A very strong Inter Boys Woodroffe team threatened to halt Colfox's team dominance, the hosts having to win or finish second to guarantee a win overall.

In the end they had to settle for second and a share of the title with Woodroffe.

Colfox's Dane James took the individual award, which also came down to the last race and an exciting sprint finish at the end.

Woodroffe's Inter Girls however took the team title from Colfox who performed as well as can be with limited numbers and training, where Thomas Hardye's Flora Johnson won the individual title.

The organisers would like to thank *A.P. Chant* for sponsoring the event and Ash-

◆ **YEAR 7 GIRLS WINNERS:** The Colfox School team with overall individual overall winner Maddy Herbert (third left).

◆ **JUNIOR GIRLS WINNERS:** The Colfox School team.

◆ **JUNIOR BOYS WINNERS:** The Colfox School team with overall individual overall winner Tom Crabtree (third left).

◆ **INTER BOYS WINNERS:** Joint winners Woodroffe and Colfox schools teams with the individual overall winner Dan James (centre holding shield) together with sponsor Ashley Chant of AP Chant (fifth right).

◆ **YEAR 7 BOYS WINNERS:** The Colfox School team with overall individual overall winner Zakjohn Ousley (far right).

Bridport & District Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	10	17
Robs Robbers	10	13
Knapp Inn	9	12
Nomads	8	11
Nags Head A	9	10
Rubber Johns	9	9
Outsiders	9	9
Hands of Time	9	8
It's in the Middle	9	6
The Hitmen	10	4
One for the Vikings	9	3

180s leaders: Tony Young x4, six players x3

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	9	18
Dat Team	8	12
Les Miserables	9	10
Elders	8	10
Odds or Us	8	10
Poachers	9	9
Royal Hawks	9	7
Anchor Vale Viewers	8	6
The Surgeons	9	2
Flashes Fives	9	2

180s leaders: Len Challis, P.Rowley & Andy Reid (all x2).

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	9	14
Mis Fit	9	12
Time Bombs	9	11
Midnight Runners	8	10
Inbetweeners	8	10
Anchor Five	8	8
Tip Top Odds	8	7
Odds & Sods	8	5
Only Just	9	4
The Royal Nuts	8	3

180s leaders: Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Robbie's Rebels	9	16
No Direction	9	15
Dodgers	9	12
Tiger Bees	9	11
Con Artists	9	8
Sorted Odds	9	7
Money Shotz Mafia	9	7
Whamo	8	6
Mozzies Heroes	8	4
Red Arrows	9	2

180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	12	22
Anchor Aces	12	17
Clocking In	12	16
Knight 'n' Gals	12	13
Queen Bees	12	12
Against the Odds	12	8
Queenies of the Club	12	4
Cliff Hangers	12	4

180s: Sarah Chick, Janet Collins & Sue Violet all x1.

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Tracey's Tarts	11	16
Castaways	10	14
Sue's Rebels	10	12
Wildcats	10	10
Anchors Aweigh	10	10
Good Mates	10	9
Next Door	9	9
Tiger Stripes	11	7
Charlie's Angels	11	5

180s leaders: L.Sweet x1

Dorset League Football

Spartans walk off!

Senior League

THE Balti House could have gone back to the top of the league, but they lost for the second time this season, this time 4-2 against Piddletrenthide Spartans with their marksmen being Ethan Devaney and Phil Anderson

Meanwhile, Nick Trvett scored both goals as South Cheriton moved into the top three with a 2-1 win against Sturminster Newton Utd.

Dorchester Sports drew 4-4 at Witchampton United and stay midtable.

Division One

THE game between Canford Utd and Piddletrenthide Spartans Res lasted only 43 minutes when bottom side Spartans decided to walk off after having a second player sent-off, leaving the referee no choice but to abandon the game.

With Stourpaine on County Cup duty the Kangaroos took the chance to move to the top on goal difference following their 3-1 win at Poundbury Rovers. Jordan Butler scored the consolation goal.

Division Two

STRUGGLING Portesham Utd lost 2-0 at home to second placed Boscombe Polonia.

Division Three

MAIDEN Newton & Cattistock went down 2-0 at leaders Stickland Utd, whilst Portland Town Res moved up a place after their 4-2 win at Puddletown with goals from Alex Counter, Robert Darch, Tommy Morris and Matthew Greening.

Division Four

FLEETLINE increased their lead at the top to six points following their 4-1 victory over visitors South Cheriton Utd Res with goals from Danny Hill, Dan Povey, Ashley Batchelor and an OG.

Division Five

A SAM Langtree strike and an own goal gave UFC Poundbury a creditable 2-2 draw at third placed Donhead Utd.

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Loders: N Gurd & M Huxter; B Chapple & M Barnes; L McErlean & S Prior; J Caplen & R Gay; G Brooks & T Luter; S Pitcher & A Cauldwell; M Horton & I Pincombe; D Langridge & J Peach;
Wednesday, January 7th
Clock: M Powell & S Lee; D Maunder & D J Maunder; R Paulley & J Smith; D Fox & P Cross;
C Willcox & M Chivers; N Pye & A Huxter; A Paulley & R Frampton; C Hopkins & S Creed;

Bridport FC

Bees punished for defensive errors

Shaftesbury Town 2
Bridport Reserves 0

IN a game of few chances, Bridport once more were beaten by defensive errors to leave them just sixth from bottom in the Dorset Premier League.

Missing several players and travelling to North Dorset with just 13 players, manager Robin Townsend adopted a 4-5-1 formation aware of defensive frailties in recent weeks that have resulted in goals being conceded.

On a terrible surface, the defensive demons reoccurred in the 14th minute when an unmarked Richard Bryant stooped to head home a free kick into the top corner of Jamie Fry's net.

The errors didn't stop there as after another period of sterile play, the hosts added a second again from a set play when Rob Froud was left unmarked by two Bridport players to head home a free kick from four yards.

The second half saw neither side create anything of note apart from a Jack Scovell effort, with both sides only mustering a handful of shots each in the entire game.

Townsend said: "We were short of personnel in every position, hence setting up defensively as we did. However the players were warned not to go to sleep on set pieces.

"The first one was perhaps a tad unlucky as his effort could have gone anywhere, but he was unmarked, and the second one was just a schoolboy error with two players marking the same man and allowing Froud a free header.

"The pitch was awful which didn't help either side, and we did improve a little in the second half but it was very disappointing."

Bridport too good for Parley

Parley 0 Bridport Youth U18 3

BRIDPORT Youth U18 finished their 2014 fixtures with a comfortable victory away at Parley Sports on Sunday.

Their previous meeting had resulted in a 2-2 draw, with both Parley goals coming from headers, and for much of the first half the visitors were subjected to an aerial bombardment .

This time, however the defence stood firm while at the other end Olly Woodcock skipped through the defence just before half-time only to be pulled to the ground and Sam Tabner coolly despatched the penalty.

A five minute rally from the hosts at the start of the second half was again confidently resisted before good work from Cyrus Dobbs and Billy Jones, Jonah Ayunga broke through to make it 2-0.

The home team seemed to lose all hope as Bridport launched waves of attacks and, in a goalmouth scramble, Ayunga scored his second to effectively finish off the game.

Manager Terry Warren said: "The first half was a bit scrappy with the ball in the air a lot of the time but as soon as we got it on the ground we completely dominated.

"We looked solid across the whole pitch and the opposition just couldn't break us down.

"At the end it was all a bit too easy but it's still nice to finish the year with a victory and a clean sheet."

Current League tables

Toolstation Premier	Pld	Pts
Bristol Manor Farm	18	34
Melksham Town	17	33
Bitton	20	32
Slimbridge	16	30
Brislington	18	29
BRIDPORT	18	29
Buckland Athletic	15	27
Willand Rovers	14	27
Shepton Mallet	18	27
Street	22	27
Sherborne Town	19	26
Bradford Town	16	26
Odd Down	18	25
Winterbourne Utd	18	20
Longwell Green Sp	19	19
Hallen	18	18
Cadbury Heath	17	18
Bishops Sutton	19	14
Gillingham Town	18	14

Dorset Premier	Pld	Pts
Merley Cobham Sp	19	49
PORTLAND UTD	18	45
Parley Sports	20	42
Hamworthy Rec	16	40
WEYMOUTH RES	20	39
Shaftesbury Town	19	34
Mere Town	19	29
Wareham Rangers	17	29
Westland Sports	17	23
Sherborne Res	17	21
BRIDPORT RES	17	20
Swanage & Herston	14	19
Blandford Utd	19	19
Cranborne	19	14
Tintinhull	18	13
Sturminster Marsh	19	13
Poole Borough	19	10
Hamworthy Utd Res	17	9*

*=Pts deducted

Scrum down - Bridport rugby round-up

Bridport edged out by leaders again

Bridport 21 East Dorset 23

BACK in October, East Dorset beat Bridport in the cup by the narrowest of margins 12-15, and so the hosts were keen to make amends against the league leaders.

Bridport were first out of the blocks and early pressure led to a penalty for the hosts. In the absence of the injured Rory Greening, Freddy Woolner on his debut at senior level stepped up to secured the three points with no fuss at all.

East Dorset then enjoyed a productive spell, twice winning turnover ball and scoring two tries, the second of which was converted, but Bridport responded by winning three kickable penalties, two of which were converted by Man of the Match Woolner.

The visitors pressurised Bridport's defence into conceding an easily kicked penalty. As the play went to and fro a clearance kick from East Dorset went out on the full and from the resulting line out Mike Pibworth spun through several tacklers to score and excellent try that Woolner converted.

East Dorset once again fought back and won a turnover on the halfway line. Unfortunately tackles were missed and the visitors' centre galloped away down the line to score. The conversion was missed to end a very entertaining half with East Dorset leading 20-16.

The second half started as the first, with Bridport enjoying much of the possession and territory, and from a scrum well inside the visitors 22, Mike Pibworth broke with the ball, and the supporting Dave Cutting had the pace to beat his marker to the line. The conversion was missed, but Bridport had the lead and the momentum.

Then, from a position of strength, and camped in the opposition 22, the hosts managed to concede a penalty and were driven up to the other end where they conceded another in front of the posts to clinch the win 21-23.

A disappointed Bridport could however, take satisfaction from taking the league leaders right to the edge.

Oakmedians U13 37 Bridport 17

THE team talk at halftime had a rousing effect on Bridport whose lack of tackling in the first half had given their opponents a head start.

However, they rallied in the second half, holding their own with tries from Corbin Newman (2) and captain Eddie Gale.

Bridport U12 42 Sherborne 7

THIS win was dedicated to teamwork generated during training sessions on Wednesdays and Sundays.

As a team Bridport secured the loose play from the break down and the forwards dominated.

Where in the past breakaway runs were isolated, the pack supported the runs and scored five of the six tries.

The dynamic Oliver Wills, who scored five tries was selected as MoM. While Reuben Jolliffe scored the other try before converting all six.

Bridport U11 20 Sherborne 50

WHAT a a performance from Bridport, and what a difference a week makes; perhaps it was the return of George Found, Oliver Hansford-Harvey and Jack Tozer.

Bridport competed and tackled well against a good Sherborne team boasting three very strong runners, yet Bridport heads did not go down when they conceded the inevitable try.

Back down the field, Found, in his first game as captain touched down for Bridport.

Toby Gale and Found again, scored for Bridport, but Sherborne had the edge and won the game ten tries to four. Archie Smith thoroughly deserved his man of the match award.

Bowls

Useful Purbeck points for Bridport mens team

BRIDPORT Mens A team had a fine win over WELLWORTHY in the Purbeck Trophy League.

Dave Roberts, Keith Brookes and Brian Rumble scored three early four counts on their way to a 24-14 win, whilst Bill Payne, Bob Taylor and Ivor Parker secured maximum points, winning 15-14.

John Block, David Aylott and Brian Pratt picked up a point in the Over 60s league with a 18-18 draw at MOONFLEET, whilst Geoff Hansen, Mel Hargett and Keith Jenkins came from 9-1 down to be level 16-16 after 14 ends before dropping a seven count to lose 18-24.

Pamela Daters, Gill Hunt, Ann Turtell and Margaret Pestelle secured two points in the Ladies County League with a 15-13 win over BOURNEMOUTH A.

But Francis Hewett, Millie Meech, Pat Cornick and Margaret Clapp had a mountain to climb having found themselves 1-11 down after four ends, and although the matched their opponents over the remaining 17 ends, the damage was done as they lost 12-19.

Bridport Skittles League - Cup Fixtures

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Ilchester: J Cook & M Symonds; M Gudge & D Gudge; H Rathbone & S Welsford; C Langdon & P Scott; M Phillips & S Tattershall; B Newman & T Mears; M Legg & S Cauldwell; D Cowburn & G Hyett;

Tae Kwon-Do

Success for Beviss and Richards at British Championships

BRIDPORT, Weymouth and Maiden Newton TAGB Tae Kwon-Do clubs enjoyed a very busy and successful November in which they picked up two titles.

Evan Beviss, Dave Jones and instructor Chloe Richards (a student at Lyme Regis club) attended the event held at the Worcester University Arena along with 1300 competitors.

Beviss was victorious, becoming British Champion in his division of individual sparring while Richards was awarded the title of British Ladies' Foot Destruction Champion as well as bringing home gold in the team sparring event.

Firstly earlier in the month, Steve Mines after lots of hard work was awarded his first degree black belt by Master Dew, 8th degree black belt.

Eighteen students also took their colour belt grading in Honiton. Everyone passed with Paul Dempster, Emily Clark and Charlie King being awarded with a plus pass, meaning they performed at a significantly higher standard than average. Scott Carver and Liam Thickett were given the esteemed A Pass, meaning they were outstanding.

◆ TWO Bridport students, Kat Law and Steve Phillips, got engaged during class; shortly after Phillips had been presented with his new belt; getting down on one knee instead of adjusting his belt!

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◆ **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:** Evan Beviss and Chloe Richards

◆ **WELL DONE:** All the students with their new graded belts

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Boss Kemp fears for his job

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DORCHESTER Town manager Graham Kemp admitted after Saturday's 4-3 defeat against fellow strugglers Paulton Rovers that his job and that of his players are "on the line". The Magpies, leading 2-0 at half-time and 3-1 after an hour, shipped two goals in the final five minutes to throw three vital Southern Premier League points away.

His situation wasn't helped when they made the trip to high-flying Redditch United on Monday where some more disastrous defending saw them suffer a 3-0 reversal.

Speaking after Saturday's defeat, Kemp was quite frank about the situation: "The reality is that my job and the players' jobs are on the line. The second half performance was unacceptable."

He continued: "To be two goals to the good entering the last 10 minutes and concede three is not acceptable.

"We worked hard to get ourselves 3-1 in front, but we didn't get anywhere near doing the basics right in the last quarter of an hour, and to concede from two set-pieces is really poor."

The county town boss who has been in charge since mid-September added: "The players have held their hands up for the goals, but it was the 90th minute, you've got to dig in and show spirit, and we don't."

The defeat still sees the Magpies immediately above the relegation area.

"If we didn't know it before we know it now; we're in a relegation battle, and that's not what I was brought here to do.

If I was the chairman, I'd want a meeting with the manager after the way the last 10 games have gone. I'm under no illusions that it hasn't been good enough."

Kemp believes there aren't enough players that are willing to put their body on the line.

He said: "You don't let in the amount of goals we have if you've got desire, guts and personal pride. We showed quality but we lack players that will roll their sleeves up to preserve the three points?

"I think I've got a decent side but the results aren't saying that. I haven't got a problem with our team attacking-wise, we're a threat, but we let them in for fun."

Although Kemp recognised that Redditch were the "most complete" side they have faced in the league so far this season, he was still critical about the manner in which they conceded the goals and felt had Jack Odam taken the chance early on when the hosts were not at their best, then his side might have got something from the game.

Talented siblings!

◆ **IT'S A FAMILY THING:** Sisters Flora (left, representing Thomas Hardye at the Inter girls level) and Maddy Johnson (St Osmund's - Junior girls) both received individual awards from race sponsor Ashley Chant of AP Chant at last week's South West Schools Cross Country Championship event held at Bridport's Colfox School. *See report inside on page 54.*

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